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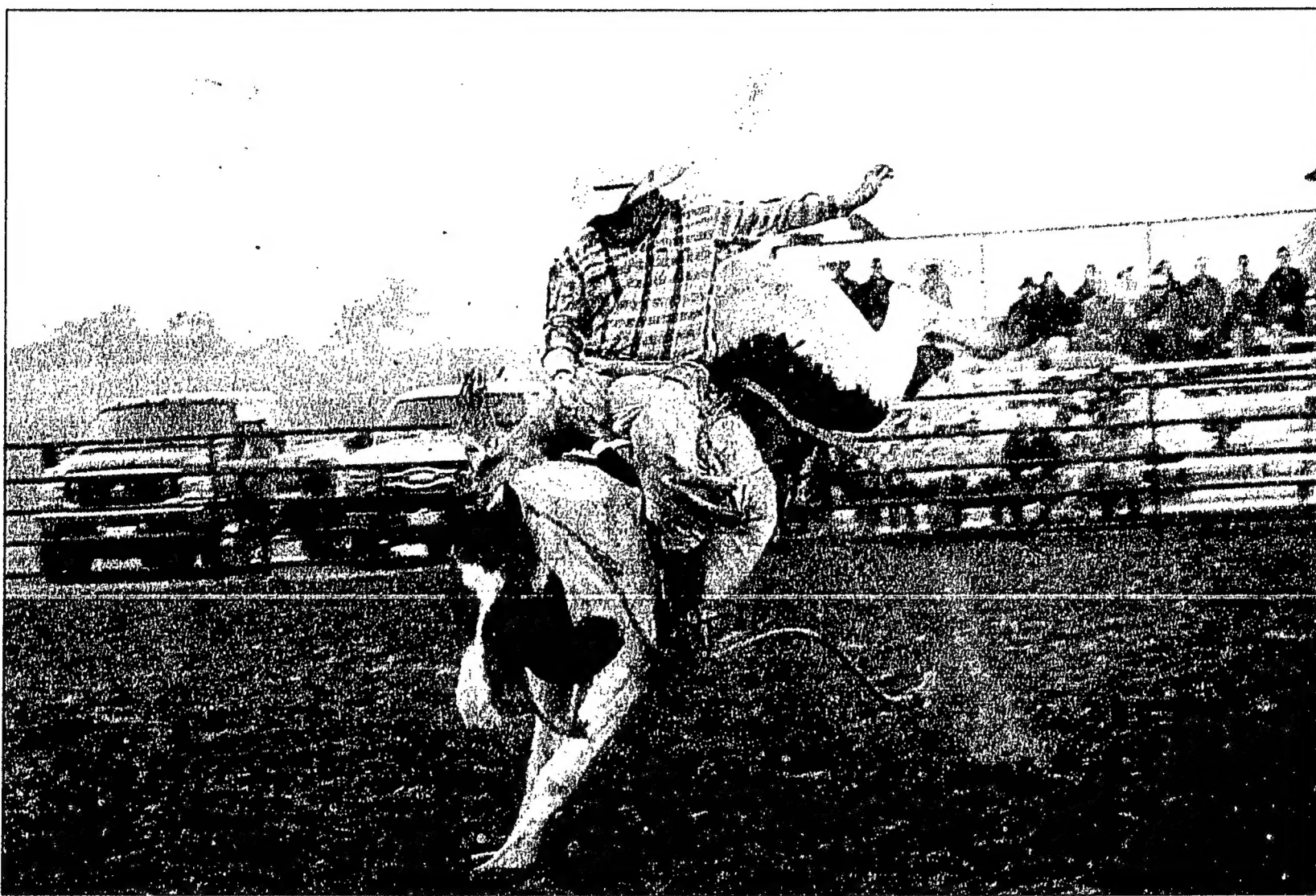
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Rustlin' up a good ol' time



(above) A horse called 'Homeboy' takes Ray Archer for a ride during the bareback bronc riding competition at the Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo Saturday night. The rodeo is put on by the Phillips family and is in its 12th year. (top right) Aron Robins rides the bull called "Gold Coast" for a score of 71 during the rodeo Saturday

Area residents enjoy the weekend at Ed Phillips Arena

Kristin Summers
Chief Reporter

Dust rose up into the air as sounds of hooves galloping and gates clanking started off a 12-year-old tradition.

The Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo took place Sept. 8 and 9 at the Ed Phillips Arena. Events varied from bareback riding to steer wrestling.

The rodeo was put on by the Holly Phillips family and the Northwest Rodeo Team.

Checking in contestants, Patty Spire helped with the rodeo every year. Spire said this is something her family does all the time and that rodeos continue on, rain

or shine.

"It's fun to bring what we do here to our home town," Spire said.

Practicing his roping techniques, 4-year-old Houston Stephens was at the rodeo to watch his father team rope. Wearing his plaid shirt, cowboy boots and hat, with toy gun and holster on his side, Stephens said when he grows up he wants to ride sheep and team rope.

Morgan Wilmes from Barnard, started bull riding this past summer and rode for the first time at the rodeo.

Wilmes said he wasn't scared and started bull riding because one of his friend's rides.

One of Wilmes rituals before he rides is

to pray and hopes to continue bull riding for a while.

His parents had to sign for him to ride at the rodeo since he's 16 and Wilmes attributed his successful first ride to beginner's luck.

Also for the first time this year Consumers Oil Company set up a tent at the rodeo. Brenda Neff said that Consumers Oil is expanding merchandise in their store and wanted to let people know. Neff said her favorite event was mutton busting, which is sheep riding for children. She was also surprised at the success of the Consumers Oil tent.

Chatting and snapping photos of the see **RODEO** on 6A

Gateway extends contract

Northwest rejoins Gateway in \$2.5 million partnership

Lindsay Jacobs
Chief Reporter

On a warm Friday afternoon a crowd gathered in front of the old Armory building.

Before Friday afternoon the building was known as Northwest's Electronic Campus Support Center and Alumni Call Center.

The purpose was to rename the building to the Gateway Electronic Support Center and Gateway Call Center (GECSC), to commemorate the \$2.5 million partnership between Gateway and Northwest. Ever since 2001 Northwest has received more than 4,000 tablet and notebook computers from Gateway.

This deal will continue to allow Northwest's Information Systems to provide computing hardware and service for Gateway computers.

Sophomore Daman Kapor, who is the peer educator in a residence for technology (PERT) in Dietrich hall said the dedication should have come sooner.

"I think it should have happened a long time ago since the Gateway computers have been here a while," Kapor said.

Gateway was founded in 1985, and is the third largest PC company in the United States.

During his welcome address Jon Rickman, vice president for information systems, informed the crowd that 51 years ago Harry S. Truman came to dedicate the building for the National Guard.

Rickman told the crowd that the building isn't excessive, but it is adequate. He also said a cou-

ple thousands of students come through the building every fall to pick up their notebook computers they will use for the year.

Rita Hanks, president of the board of regents, presented Kevin Shabow, Gateway senior director of sales, a plaque that had the new name on it as well as the date the building was dedicated.

"Technology is the infrastructure, it's not a thing that gives you a competitive edge like it used to; it's the infrastructure," Shabow told the crowd.

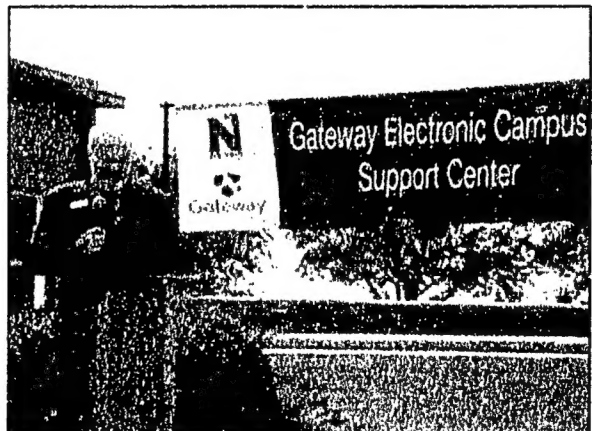


photo by Jessica Nelson | contributing photographer

John Rickman, vice president of information systems at Northwest, welcomed many at the Gateway Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Sept. 8.

A green ribbon was cut after Shabow's speech.

Shabow also said technology is the gateway to learning.

"We hope the new name can stay with us for the next 51 years," Rickman said.

MOHELA postpones initiative decision

Evan Young
University Editor

The Center for Excellence in Plant Biology at Northwest, along with some 20 other Missouri college construction projects, hit a roadblock Friday.

The Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority (MOHELA) board postponed a vote on Gov. Matt Blunt's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative, which would provide roughly \$335 million in construction funding to Missouri colleges and universities through the sale of the authority's loans.

Board members tabled the issue after MOHELA attorney Mike Lause notified them that Attorney General Jay Nixon's office warned him of possible lawsuits against any member who voted to approve the plan.

Lause, who works for the firm Thompson Coburn, said Nixon official Paul Wilson stated some board members could be sued for violating their fiduciary duties and for conflict of interest.

Northwest president Dean Hubbard attended Friday's meeting in Chesterfield, Mo. and said he was disappointed with the board for refusing to vote on the issue.

"The presentations at the meet

see **MOHELA** on 6A

Exercise to test disaster response

By Evan Young
University Editor

If you happen to witness any terrorist activity around Northwest this Saturday, don't be alarmed—that is only a test.

Missouri's State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) in Jefferson City will dispatch seven Homeland Security Response Teams (HSRTs) Sept. 16, to locations around Nodaway County—including Maryville and the Northwest campus—for training exercises with area officials involving terrorism and bioterrorism scenarios.

Local and regional law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency personnel and public officials will respond to three or four simultaneous disaster simulations in various locations around the county.

First responders on the scene will find "real" victims and hazardous situations. From there, they must determine whether or not the scenarios are terrorist-related and decide if they can contain the situation or if they should request help from SEMA.

If local and regional personnel find they are overwhelmed by the disaster, they will ask for SEMA assistance via a city/county Emergency Operations Center in Maryville.

The SEMA State Emergency Operations Center will then send out either entire HSRTs or specialized

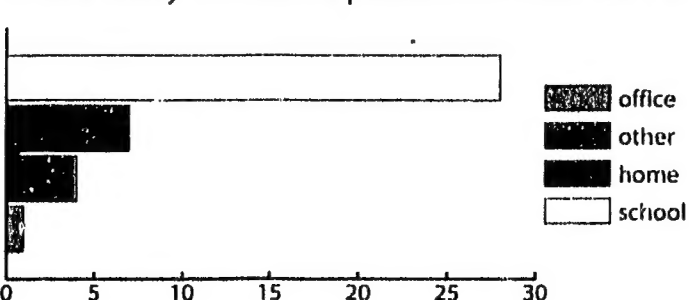
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Conductor Captain Donald Schofield joins the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America in the National Anthem Monday night.

photo by Kellie White | photography editor



Where were you when the plarles hit the Twin Towers?



RELAY FOR LIFE

Rylan Teale, 21 months, went to Relay for Life with his family to support his grandpa, who is in remission from throat and neck cancer, see page 3A for full story.



photo by Stephanie Stangl | editor in chief

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Northwest to sign KC Center memorandum of understanding

Officials from Northwest Missouri State University and Liberty Public Schools will sign a memorandum of understanding at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18, formalizing the agreement that created the Northwest Kansas City Center. The signing will take place at the center, which is located in Blue Jay Tower Plaza, a district-owned office building adjoining the grounds of Liberty High School.

Under the terms of the memorandum, Northwest will continue to occupy the building's top two floors rent-free while paying for technological renovations.

Since the center began operating in early 2006, it has served about 800 students working to complete degree programs in curriculum and instruction, physical education and instructional technology.

Spots still available for KXCX's Greek tour

Spots are still available for KXCX's "On the Go with Public Radio" tour of Greece and the Greek Islands.

The tour goes from May 25 through June 8, 2007. Highlights include trips to Athens and the Acropolis, Mykonos, Santorini, Olympia and a winery tour.

Cost is \$3,899 per person for a double occupancy room and includes transportation, insurance, hotels, 22 meals, admission charges, taxes and fees. Reservations must be made by Oct. 25. Remaining vacancies will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call Gayle Hull, KXCX/KNRR membership/promotions director, at 562-1163, e-mail at ghull@nwmissouri.edu or visit Kxcx.org and click "Tours."

Campus to host fall Exploring Majors fair in ballroom

Career Services' fall Exploring Majors fair will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Every academic department at Northwest will be represented at the fair. All students are encouraged to attend, especially those who are considering declaring or changing their major. Representatives from Career Services and Advisement will also be on hand to discuss different career options for students.

For more information about the fair, contact Career Services at 562-1250.

Northwest recognized for teacher education excellence

The American Association of State College and Universities recognized Northwest as one of two recipients of the 2006 Christa McAuliffe Award for Excellence in Teacher Education.

The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding education programs at colleges and universities.

Northwest was recognized for its Teacher Preparation Program, which focuses on the quality of preparing students to become effective teachers.

"The Christa McAuliffe Award challenges teacher education programs to demonstrate the effectiveness of their programs, an incredibly difficult task. Yet, these two award winners have made striking progress in demonstrating the impact of their program on graduates and the impact of those graduates on K-12 students," said George L. Mehaffy, AACSU's vice president for Academic Leadership and Change said in a recent press release.

University of North Carolina-Wilmington was the only other school recognized with the award for its Learning-Centered Cognitive Coaching Model.

The award will be presented by the AACSU at its 2006 Annual Meeting scheduled for Nov. 19-21 in Palm Beach, Fla.

Award-winning artist visits campus

Tara Adkins
Chief Reporter

Architectural landscapes filled with geometric trees and romantic portraits of less-than-beautiful women show students the ever-changing style of an award-winning artist.

Mark English contributed his paintings for display in the Olive deLuce Fine Arts Gallery through Friday, Sept. 29, and offered advice to aspiring artists Monday.

"I'm always trying to make my work better and by constantly looking for things to make better than what they are is art," English said.

After several years of the University's art department's plea, English decided to accept the invitation to share his artistic experience as a guest for the annual Visiting Artist Series.

"After 30 plus years of idolizing his work, I was so pleased when I found out his daughter, Emily, was a student here and that one of the most famous artists would visit Northwest," said Craig Warner, associate professor of art. "It's like I am introducing the Pablo Picasso in my world."

Through English's experience as an illustrator and a gallery painter, he encouraged students to continuously change styles to discover new techniques and to keep the love of art fresh in mind.

Although his paintings are elaborate and detailed, each project begins as a basic 2-inch square pencil drawing. English empha-

sized the need and importance for mastering the most basic tool of art—drawing.

"Learn to draw, dedicate yourself to it and you'll create masterpieces," English said.

English has created several images and illustrations, mostly done within a 24-hour time period, for U.S. postage stamps, the National Park Service, IBM, RCA, Pfizer and many more.

"The fact that he is so self-confident that he can work so fast, yet I am so meticulous, inspires me as an artist," said Valerie Naas, interactive Digital Media major. "He can just work, work, work and that obviously works for him."

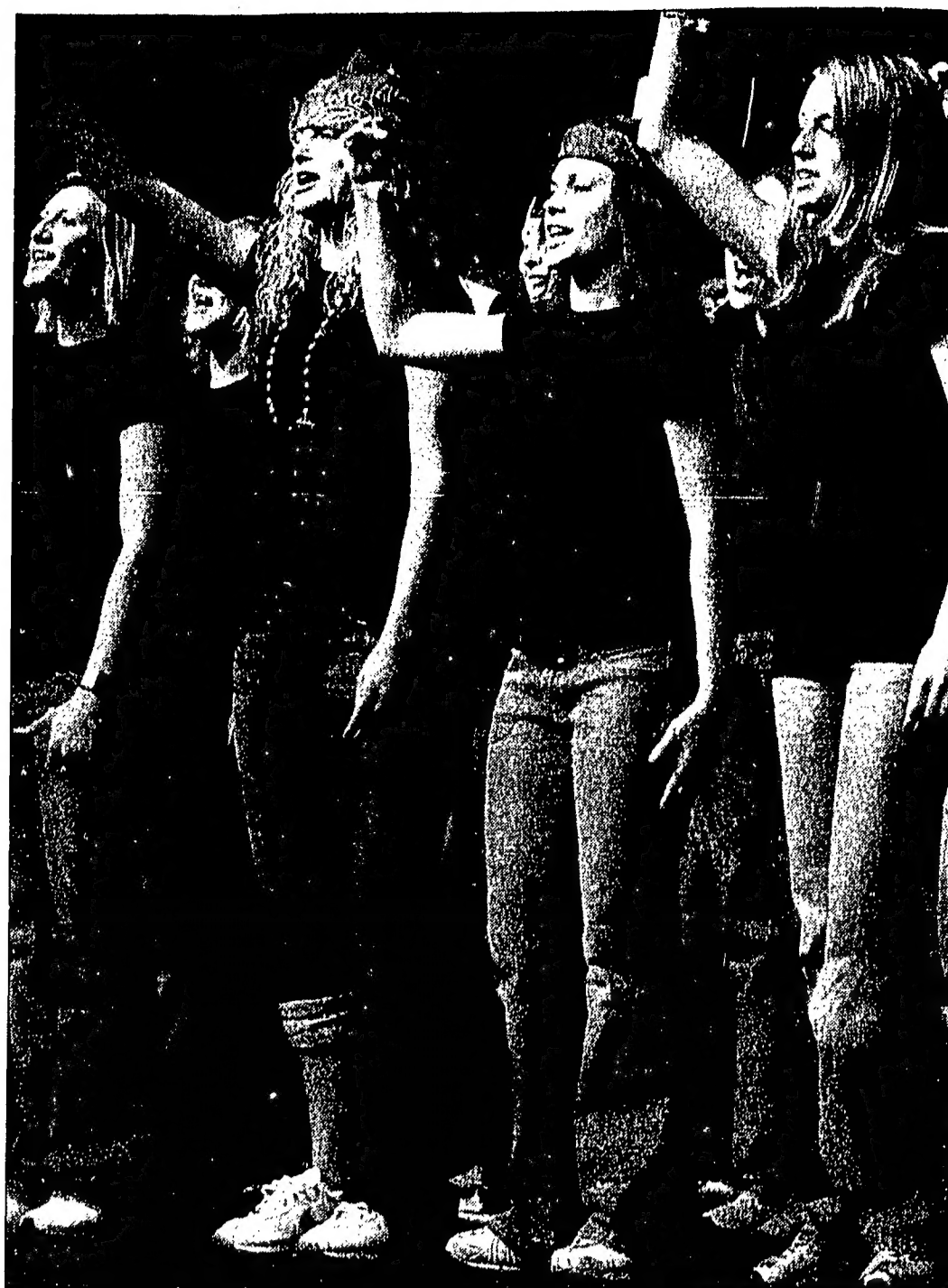
For 20 years, English was an artist-in-residence for Hallmark Cards with works appearing in publications such as *Reader's Digest*, *Time* and *Sports Illustrated*.

"I feel I sucked a lot of people into reading some really bad literature," English said. "Although the scripts weren't always good, I tried to ignore what I read and find a good picture instead."

As an illustrator and established painter, English has received hundreds of awards for his work including "Artist of the Year" by the Artist Guild of New York and was elected into the Illustrators Hall of Fame in New York.

Today, English's works are shown in exhibits and galleries including the Smithsonian Institute, seven worldwide affiliated galleries and Northwest's deLuce Gallery.

SISTER ACT



Members of Sigma Kappa perform during sorority recruitment in front of potential new members. Sigma Kappa is one of seven sororities on campus that participated in formal recruitment.

Faculty uses system to catch cheaters

Kristin Summers
Chief Reporter

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Some faculty members have cracked down on plagiarism by signing up for Turnitin.com, operated by the iParadigms, a company dedicated to stopping Internet plagiarism and promoting new technologies in education.

Roger Von Holzen, director of the CITE office, said the University licensed the software for one year, starting the Fall 2006 trimester.

Created in 1996, Turnitin.com's purpose is to find plagiarism and even paraphrasing in a student's paper.

Students or teachers submit papers online at Turnitin.com, where their paper is matched with pages of archived and current Web sites, along with previously submitted papers by students and commercial journal articles and periodicals.

Similar words between two texts will also be recognized in the system and put in the Originality Report. It's up to the instructors to decide what to do with the information found. Students can re-submit

a paper every 24 hours.

Von Holzen said Turnitin.com is an easy system for faculty and students to use and will benefit the University as a teaching tool.

He also said Turnitin.com will catch minor changes in a sentence if copied from another source and that it will be easier for students to find mistakes and faculty to find plagiarism.

Though the University's student handbook has several tips to avoid plagiarism for students, Von Holzen still feels plagiarism is an issue on every college campus.

One of the faculty members, Doug Dunham, associate professor and chair of the Psychology, Sociology, and Counseling Department, is using Turnitin.com this trimester in two of his classes, Drugs, Brain and Behavior and Advanced Biology Psychology.

Dunham said he is using the Web site for two reasons, to help students find plagiarism and prevent it.

Some of the negatives of the program are its limited database and that some people might think the program is all about catching cheaters, Dunham said.

"I don't think that's fair," he said.

Sophomore Ryan McClain said it was a good idea to have the program but also said that all papers shouldn't be submitted online.

"It takes away from student-teacher interaction," McClain said.

Seniors Greg Hollenbeck and Kara Poehlman both said they thought faculty and students will benefit from the program.

How does Turnitin.com work?
Created in 1996, Turnitin.com stands dedicated to helping stop plagiarism. Faculty submit papers to the Web site, an online database of thousands of papers and documents.
If any three words in the document matches another document without citation, the student can be found guilty of plagiarism.
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CITY BRIEFS

Lager awarded 2006 Friend of Agriculture award

The Missouri Farm Bureau recently presented Rep. Brad Lager, R-4, with the 2006 Friend of Agriculture award for his "leadership and strong support of Missouri's agricultural industry."

The Missouri Farm Bureau began in 1915 and now has a local office in every county. The Farm Bureau Friend of Agriculture Award program began in 1966 and is designed to give recognition to legislators serving in the Missouri House of Representatives who have been supportive of agriculture.

"I am honored that Missouri Farm Bureau has chosen me as a recipient of this award," Lager said in a press release. "Northwest Missouri has many great opportunities, and I am committed to working hard to advance the agricultural opportunities for our region of the state."

Identification is required at voting polls across Missouri

As new voting techniques take place across Missouri with electronic voting and touch screen voting, a new law has been tagged onto the process.

When voters head to the polls in November they will not be able to participate unless they have a state photo ID.

State law 1014 came into effect on June 14.

The new law also requires state Department of Motor Vehicle offices to provide non-driver identification cards to those who are eligible to vote and do not have a driver's license.

St. Francis Hospital welcomes new Orthopedic Surgeon

Damian N. Mizera recently joined St. Francis Hospital and Health Services in Maryville.

Mizera is an orthopedic surgeon teaming with Tom DiStefano. His primary area is in shoulder and knee arthroscopy, total hip and knee replacement and minor hand and foot procedures.

Mizera was raised in Illinois. Mizera received his medical degree from Indiana School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

He completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, Texas.

New fiscal year means time for city budgeting

The new fiscal year is upon Maryville. City officials are in the process of approving the budgets for local departments, institutions and organizations.

According to Maryville Director of Finance, Denise Brown, the city annually has a total of \$10-12 million to disburse throughout town.

The new fiscal year for Maryville begins of Oct. 1.

Missouri Committee Seminar to focus on labor standards

Mark Blumenthal, managing member of Contango, Brooks and Smith, LLC is presenting a seminar on the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The seminar takes place on Oct. 3 in Maryville at the First Christian Church at 201 W. Third St.

Blumenthal's presentation, "The Monster in Your Closet: Potential Overtime Liability Under the Fair Labor Standards Act" gives an overview of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Blumenthal is a trial lawyer from Kansas City. His career has involved representing employers in employment litigation and advising management.

The seminar, offered by the Northwest Missouri Employers Committee, can be attended at the cost of \$15 with breakfast included.

More information can be obtained by calling Kim Mildward at 660-582-5121.

"I don't know anyone that hasn't been touched by cancer," Mike Thompson, Mayor



Kathy Bernholtz (right) placed plastic bottles in her daughter, Jayce's, hair and then spray painted it for Nodaway County's Relay for Life Sept. 8. The team charged \$3 per head to raise money for cancer survivors.

Relay rocks on despite rain

Dominic Genetti
Community News

Nearly a decade ago, Warren County, Iowa, resident Julie Crawford led a normal life raising her children. Little did she know a cancer diagnosis would leave her hoping to live to see them graduate.

Cleo Sherry, of Maryville, tells a similar story when he speaks of the cancer that affected his leg 30 years ago. Along with the emotion that came with the disease, a new positive attitude towards fight began.

"I just took it with a grain of salt and said, 'I'm going to beat this,'" Sherry said.

While Crawford and Sherry are not related, they, along with many, were brought together as family and cancer survivors at the Ninth Annual Nodaway County Relay for Life walk Sept. 9.

Because of inclement weather, the event moved from its intended Lake Park

location to the Maryville Community Center.

Attendees from as far as Iowa turned out in support for the cause to fight cancer including several volunteers from local businesses, organizations and schools.

Even though Sherry was there as a survivor, he was also there in support for others.

Sherry lost a daughter to lung cancer and both his brother-in-law and sister-in-law survived cancer.

"It's very emotional," Sherry said. "It's something that affects your life, it's something that affects everyone's life. We support this and we might have a cure someday."

Many other cancer survivors attended the relay too. Korean War Veteran Lee Frankenhauser is currently battling prostate

cancer, the second most common cancer in men.

Frankenhauser has been fighting his prostate cancer since February and he now starts monthly trips to Omaha, Neb., to see his doctor for treatment.

Another cancer survivor in attendance was Kristy Allen. Diagnosed with Lymphoma Hodgkin's the day before her 24th birthday, disbelief was the only word that went through the mind of the law school bound woman.

Maryville resident and cancer survivor John Teale served as this year's speaker. He spoke of his experience with the disease and his time in Houston getting treatment.

The annual lunary ceremony could not take place within the confines of the Maryville Community Center; therefore each individual memorial was hung from walls of the entire recreational area.

When all was said a total of \$72,000 was raised this year. All proceeds went to the American Cancer Society.

"This is about the citizens of Maryville. I don't know anyone that hasn't been touched by cancer."

Festivities for the event included children's games, a disc jockey, and entertainment from local dancers and performers. Food was available for purchase as supporters walked through the night to support cancer awareness.

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Maryville to host downtown festival

Stephanie Stangl
Editor in Chief

Losing isn't even an option. In fact, winning isn't either.

At least not for participants in the "Maryville Mini Art Festival" being held 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 7 on the corner of Third and Buchanan Streets. Traditionally, Maryville hosts a summer art festival where entries are judged, but not this time.

Painters, sculptors, photographers and artists of all kinds are invited to register for the event.

"We want to keep the artisan touch and keep art in the community eye," Co-Chair Melody Blair said.

Event organizers hope the season

Festival chairs decided to invite business owners to stroll through the festival and choose their favorite entries to display at their respective businesses.

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"We want to keep the artisan touch and keep art in the community eye," Co-Chair Melody Blair said.

Event organizers hope the season

shift will encourage more people to attend the event. Blair, who helped decide when to hold the festival, knows the intense heat the summertime festival normally brings sometimes deters people from coming.

In addition, this year's event promises a "block party" style affair complete with live bands, a community choir, food vendors, mini-carnival games and a possible theatrical performance. There will also be an Imagina-

tion Station available for children to create art of their own.

"It's a homegrown, local event and it's definitely not something people should be intimidated by," Rohs said.

Artists and interested participants can register for the event for \$20 and by calling Rohs at 660-528-0146 or by e-mailing him at theartisan@theartisan.org. However, space is limited so Rohs advises signing up as soon as possible.

Lake, city trails proposed by officials

Dominic Genetti
Community Editor

In attempt to get public feedback on proposed biking and hiking trails throughout the city of Maryville and Moberly Lake, city officials are holding a forum for citizens to attend.

The first session took place Sept. 11 at the Northwest campus with a small turnout. Maryville city Councilman John Jasinski and other city representatives were on hand to show citizens the aerial photos with the possible trails that go through several city neighborhoods and undeveloped areas of

Moberly Lake.

Maryville citizen and retired Northwest instructor, Bob Cooper, attended the meeting to view the proposals.

With much optimism, Cooper found the trails to be an opportunity for recreational use.

"It should be a real attraction to come to Maryville," he said.

However, looking at the pros and cons, Cooper said the obtaining of money from private funds or grants can be an obstacle. Maryville resident Rich Landis was intrigued by the proposals and attended the meeting

as well. Out of all the plans that show several trails going through the city, Landis proposed the old railroad track to serve as the Maryville trail.

"They are marking potential trails where there is no pavement or nothing," Landis said.

Landis, who originally designed trails for the city in 1972, went onto emphasize that the old railroad track has no intersections with the exception of North Dewey Street. He continued to say the trail could travel the old track and wrap around Donaldson Park.

There are three additional forums scheduled throughout Maryville

within the coming weeks for the public to voice their opinion about the possible trails.

Two sessions take place next week on Monday, Sept. 18 and Wednesday, September 20. The Monday session at the Maryville Middle School library, 4 p.m.-6 p.m., and the Wednesday session will occur at the Maryville Community Center in the south meeting room from 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

The final meeting takes place on Sept. 25 at the Maryville City Council meeting. After the final meeting, Jasinski said final draft plans should be set by late October or early November.

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OURVIEW

Terrifying tradition

Not thinking twice about letting a friend drink and drive must come to a halt

It appears most college students long abandoned the business of caring.

After a night of bar hopping or house parties your friend barely remembers where they parked their car. They probably won't even remember the drive home.

In an oftentimes drunken stupor of your own, you nonchalantly urge him or her not to drive. After slightly shaking their head in disregard of your advice, they hop in their car, the conversation and their taillights fading into the darkness.

How has drunk driving become more of the norm than the exception? More importantly, why does it appear few people care?

If your friend can't stand up straight, put their shoes on or form complete sentences, why would you let them get behind the wheel?

Why do you care about your friends in nearly every other respect, but when it comes to drinking and driving you don't want to be the "lame" friend who won't let them drive?

Not only is your friend putting his life in danger, but he puts every other innocent driver in danger as well. Alcohol-related accidents kill someone

every 31 minutes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2004 the Department of Justice reported 1.4 million drivers were arrested for driving under the influence.

How high must the statistics have to climb for them to open our eyes to how serious of a problem this is?

When are we going to stop sweeping this epidemic under the rug and take accountability for our actions?

If statistics aren't deterrent enough, maybe the actual punishment will be. In Missouri offenders can serve a maximum of six months in jail and pay up to a \$500 fine. In Iowa offenders can serve up to a year in jail and pay a \$1,500 fine.

We think the numbers speak volumes.

How would you feel if someone called to say a drunk driver had hit your mother or best friend? How would you feel if you killed someone's father or grandmother?

Call a friend, call Safe Ride at 562-1245, crash at a friend's house. Just don't drive.

We know you've heard this a million times: the public service reminder refusing to go away. But maybe—just maybe—this time, you'll listen.

African man: The endangered species?

By Samuel Muchiri
Northwest student

Over the years, the number of African students at Northwest has continued to dwindle.

Tighter visa regulations after Sept. 11 are mostly to blame but here at Northwest, the organizations to blame are none other than Admissions and the Intercultural and International Center.

Prospective Kenyan and Nigerian students at Northwest have to pay a security deposit of \$4500 in order to get their 1-20s and admission letters.

I find this unfair and unjust and I condemn it in the strongest terms possible.

Africans have many challenges ranging from diseases like AIDS and malaria which exterminate millions annually to poverty and corruption just to mention a few.

Dr. Hesse, assistant professor, history, humanities and philosophy, launching an African class this fall is mentionable. The unmentionable part is that there will be no TT's or Africans to bring out the ignorance and shed light to the Dark Continent as the class was molded to do.

There are deplorable and regrettable issues that involve former Kenyan students but the actions of a few individuals do not represent me nor do they represent the majority of 30 million Kenyans.

I have received a quality and enjoyable experience here at North-

west and I as a beacrat there is no greater fate I would like to bestow to anybody but such.

I find it hard to recommend Northwest to deserving student s who would like to pursue a quality education because having to explain the implication and complications of applying to Northwest becomes great a burden.

More than three years have passed since Admissions and IIC office put up the security deposit with no success at all.

The security deposit was designed to ensure students paid their bills but what the policy did was shut out everybody who wished to apply at Northwest with students applying for admission to other colleges and universities.

United States is a popular destination for Kenyans students with more than 100,000 students.

The admissions and IIC need to review this policy and allow some of this young talent be part of our diversity.

Also the security deposit should be reduced to \$0 dollars as afforded to other students from other countries.

Justice is advocating policies for the poor and the powerless and eliminating prejudices in ourselves and in our organizational policies.

It couldn't be a better time for the Admissions and International office to strike down these policies and maybe Dr. Hesse may have someone, an African, to tell his class about our motherland-Africa.

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WHAT GOOD IS ALL THAT FANCY RHETORIC ABOUT SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IF YOU DON'T EVEN BOTHER TO VOTE?

Greek life a waste of money

Many Northwest students dive into Greek Life, but all they are really getting is an opportunity to drain their bank accounts.

Greek Organizations do some wonderful things; according to the Northwest Greek Life Web site, in 2003-04 all chapters combined raised over \$57,000 of philanthropies and participated in 40,000 hours of community service.

However, why should it cost so much to participate in philanthropy work?

To me it all just seems like

For the Record



Lindsay Jacobs
Chief Reporter

a waste of time, and a really unnecessary way of jump-starting a person's social life.

I'm sure Greek Life is for some people, but to me it seems pointless to pay for friends.

There are a lot of people who claim they have the greatest friends, and shockingly they are not in a Greek organization.

So money doesn't buy everything.

Do people honestly think they have to fork out hundreds of dollars a year just to fit in? Because I

can honestly say for as much time as people spend with the Greeks they could be missing out on some really great friendships that won't cost them anything.

As college students we don't have a lot of extra money lying around, so what's the point of paying for expensive dues, random items that have the name of a fraternity or sorority embroidered on them and a T-shirt for every occasion?

Not only do Greek organizations empty pockets, they also take up a lot of free time. There are always weekly meetings, countless hours working on homecoming floats and hours spent finding the

perfect recruits.

Since Greek Life is a big commitment, students involved may also miss out on other things college life provides. There may be an organization on campus that would be perfect for a student, but being a Greek may hold them back from that.

Don't get me wrong, the Greeks raise a lot of money for philanthropies and volunteer hours of their time, but it is necessary to spend so much on dues and all the clothing and accessories?

It's probably movies like *Animal House* that made this lifestyle so appealing, but you don't have to be Greek to attend a toga party.

Remember sacrifices have been made by those who died on Sept. 11

By Alex Carroll
Daily News (Ball State U.)

(U-WIRE) MUNCIE, Ind.—Sept. 11 taught us many things as a nation. It taught us what is a true hero. It showed us how we are all connected here in America. It showed us how neighbors can embrace one another to recover from tragedy. It taught us that the human spirit is more powerful than any enemy could ever be. It revealed the character of this nation.

One of the most poignant lessons we get from 9-11 is that we need to appreciate everyday.

It came abundantly clear that our safety is not guaranteed and we need to treat every moment as if it is a precious gift, because that is precisely what it is.

When we are aware of this fact it makes our day-to-day lives more meaningful.

On Sept. 10, 2001, we had no idea

how soon our lives would be turned upside down. We went about our days as if nothing could go wrong. I don't think we as a society could see how incredibly fragile and precious life can be.

Sadly, it would take the deaths of over 3,000 innocent Americans for us to recognize this. It forced us all to take account of our lives. 9-11 made us all take a step back and recognize what is truly important in our lives.

This world has seen tragedy of course but it rarely touched us here in America. We had the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993 and Timothy McVeigh attacked us in Oklahoma City in 1995, but those seemed like they were ages ago.

We only saw terror on this scale

on television. It was something that happened to people in other countries.

Most of us could not have fathomed something on this scale happening on American soil. We had a false sense of safety and that is a dangerous thing to have in this day and age.

In politics people have been playing the blame game for the past five years. Politicians throw sweeping remarks

across the aisle and it hurts us all. I believe that if politicians put half of the energy into fighting the war on terror that they put into blaming people for what happened, we would be far better off. Blame has its place, of course, but for now we need to focus in the task at hand.

Remember not only those who

"I have no doubt that without their sacrifices, countless other citizens would have been killed by now."

Monique Garcia
Social Psychology

"Using someone else's work without giving them proper credit."

Joseph Silva
Psychology

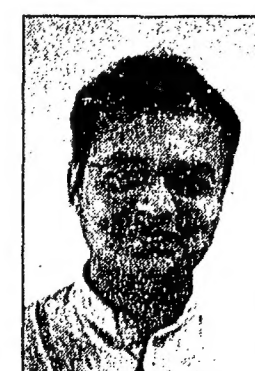
"When you take something of someone else's and call it your own."

Miles Smith
Agriculture



"When you don't correctly quote or paraphrase and steal someone's work without giving credit."

Amanda Preston
Psychology



"Cheating."

April Sherma
MBAMIS, graduate student



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CAMPUSTALK

In your own words, what is plagiarism?

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sept. 8
■ **Donald B. Kincade**, 18, Kansas City, Mo., MII; No valid driver's license, improper registration; **Max W. Anderson**, 19, Liberty, Mo., Possession of a controlled substance, MII; 100 block South Main

Sept. 7
■ Burglary, Property: digital camera, iPod and Ring, 400 block North Hester

■ Larceny from a vehicle, Property: sunglasses and change, 200 block East First

■ Recovered Property, green duffel bag, checkbook, yellow purse, two CD holders, 300 CDs, auto cigarette lighter and earrings, 200 block East Third

Sept. 6
■ Larceny from a vehicle, Property: iPod, charger and sunglasses, 500 block Eighth

■ Larceny from a vehicle, ongoing investigation, 600 block North Main

■ **Nicholas L. Bradshaw**, 17, Maryville, Failure to Appear, 200 block East Third

■ **Michael P. Wilmes**, 29, Arko, Mo., Burglary, Larceny, 200 block South Prairie

Sept. 5
■ Larceny from a vehicle, Property: Black purse and contents, 400 block E. First

■ Recovered Property, Property: MasterCard Plus credit card, 500 block North Fillmore

■ Lost/Stolen property, Property: Missouri License Plate, 300 block West Seventh

■ Larceny/Stealing, Property: Sign, 400 block W Second

■ Burglary, Property: purse and contents, wallet (recovered) and cash, 600 block West Halsey

■ Recovered Property, black pet carrier, 200 block South Buchanan

■ **Daniel L. Boyd**, 21, Maryville, Assault, **Ryan C. Harvey**, 21, Maryville, 200 block East Third

Sept. 4
■ Larceny from a vehicle, Property: black wallet and contents, 300 block West Grant

■ Burglary, Property: cordless drill, digital camera, three laptop computers, toolbox, jewelry, palm pilot, cassette recorder and laptop case, 200 block South Main

Sept. 3
■ Recovered Property, black/red bike, 1000 block North Dewey

■ **Bucky J. Riley**, 54, Maryville, Disorderly conduct, 1100 block College Drive

■ Larceny from a vehicle, Property: black leather briefcase, black CD case with CDs and sheet music, 900 block North Dewey

Sept. 1
■ Forgery, Ongoing investigation, 100 block South Main

■ Failure to return property, Property: washer, 2200 block South Main

■ Failure to return property, Property: bunkbed and mattress, 2200 block South Main

ACCIDENTS
■ **Shevone D. Shevone**, 28, Kansas City, Mo., collided with **Kelly K.**

Brand, 46, Rosendale, Mo. Shevone was cited for careless and imprudent driving.

■ **Robin J. Cohen**, 28, Maryville, collided with **Travis A. Crutcher**, 20, Maryville, at the intersection of Fourth and Main. Cohen was cited for failure to yield.

OBITUARIES
Eva Marie (Huls) Livingston, 92, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at Parkdale Manor Nursing home in Maryville, where she had been a resident since 2004.

She was born Feb. 17, 1914 in Clearmont, Mo., to the late James and Mary (Linebaugh) Huls. Eva was a graduate of Clearmont High School. She lived in Red Oak, Iowa where she had worked for Uniroyal Corporation.

She was preceded in death by her son, Edwin Lee Livingston, Oct. 1, 2002; three sisters, Lulu Verdon, Ada Wallace, and Clara Holmes; and one brother, Eldon Huls.

She is survived by nephews: Walton (Jean) Wallace, Maryville, Gerald and Darrell (Ruth) Holmes, both of Clarinda, Iowa; and nieces, Mary Juanita (Wayne) Snodderly, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Shirley Wallace, Maryville.

Graveside services and burial was at the Oak Hill Cemetery, Clearmont, 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 12, 2006. Funeral arrangements were handled by Price Funeral Home.

Velma Irene Jennings, 93, Maryville and formerly of Ravenwood, Mo., died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006 at the Beverly Health Care Center.

Born on April 17, 1913 in Centerville, Mo., she was the daughter of the late W.J. and Carrie (Powell) Cox. She was preceded in death by three husbands, Wilbur Cox, Edward Bremer and Wayne Jennings.

She was a homemaker most of her life and had worked as a nurse's aid at the old St. Francis Hospital. She was a member of the Ravenwood United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a son, Donald Gard, Omaha, Neb., grandchildren: Regina Brisbane, Kansas City, Kan., Kelly Colwell, Maryville, Linda Kilgore, Liberty, Mo., Steve Miller, Maryville, Lori Gard, Omaha, Randy Newby and Donna Kincaid, King City, Mo., nieces, Reta Reidlinger, Conception Junction, Mo., and Lila Lynch, Pickering, Mo. She is survived by 18 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, children, Vera Waggoner, Betty Newby, Alice Miller, one brother and one sister.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, 2006 at the Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ravenwood. The family held a noon meal Monday at the Community of Faith Church. Memorials may be made to Pine View Manor, Stanberry, Mo.

BIRTHS
Alyxa Ann-Chere Martin

Jennifer Devers and Gentry Martin, Maryville, are the parents of Alyxa Ann-Chere Martin born Sept. 8, 2006, at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and joins one sibling, Lucky.

Grandparents are Michele Kelme, Parnell, Mo., Paul and Beth Devers, Maitland, Mo., and Paula and the late Dennis Martin, Maryville.

Great-grandparents are Cecilia and Terry Kelme, Maryville, Donna and Thomas Key, Burlington Junction, Mo., Forest and Cheryl Christian, Maitland, and Paul Cretinon, Carver, Mo.

Isabelle Mae Jackson

Erin and Charyti Jackson, Maryville, are the parents of Isabelle Mae Jackson, born Sept. 8, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

Isabelle weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces, and joins siblings Tyanna, Earl and Logan.

Grandparents are Leonard and Karen Sibbit, Trenton, Mo., and Wendell and Joan Jackson, Redding, Iowa.

Great-grandparent is Blanche Sibbit, Trenton, Mo.

Dylan Montgomery Williams
Patrick Williams, Lee's Summit, Mo., and Amanda Blackard, Albany, Mo., are the parents of Dylan Montgomery Williams, born Sept. 10, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville. Dylan weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

Grandparents are Stacey Petty, Albany, Mo., Danny and Tiffany Blackard, Ozark, Mo., Marco and Jan Simonelli, Lee's Summit, and Kevin and Ginny Williams, Independence, Mo.

Great-grandparents are Ann (Runnels) Cully, the late Marshall Runnels and the late Wayne Cully, Albany. Edwin and Regina Gross, San Diego, and Edwin and Patrice Williams, Overland Park, Kan.

Sasha Marie Deardorff

Stacey and Barbara Deardorff, Parnell, Mo., are the parents of Sasha Marie Deardorff, born Sept. 5, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

Sasha weighed 7 pounds and joins brothers Kiley and Brendon and sister Salina.

Grandparents are Phil and Kay Deardorff, Parnell, Mo. Great-grandparents are Arthur Goodwin, Hastings, Iowa, and Verda Day, El Paso, Texas.

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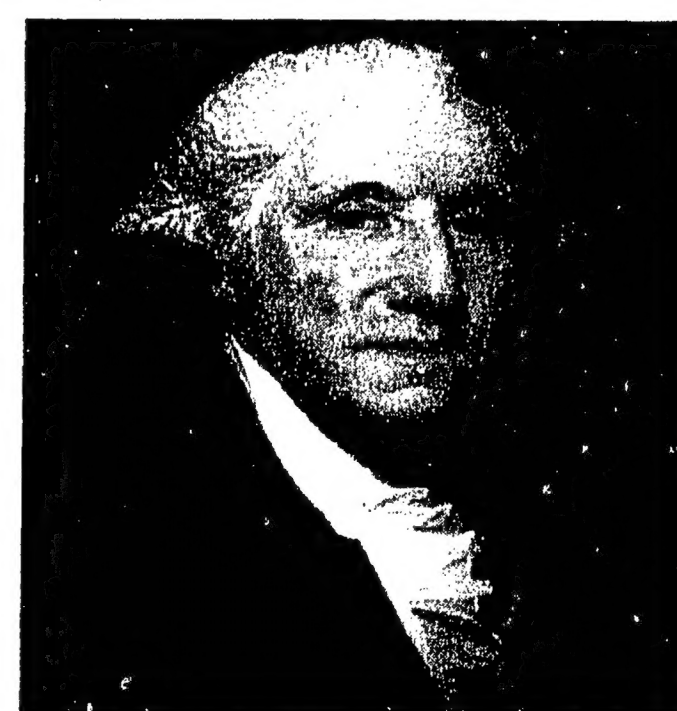
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RODEO: Annual rodeo draws large crowd

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rodeo with other international students, Rudy Rigot from Lyon, France, said this was his first rodeo and that he was very surprised by it.

Rigot said the rodeo was great but didn't like the fact that children were involved. He said he didn't know it would be brutal, comparing the rodeo to the bull fighting in Madrid, Spain.

Rigot is a graduate student in France and decided to come to Northwest Missouri State University to try new things before graduating.

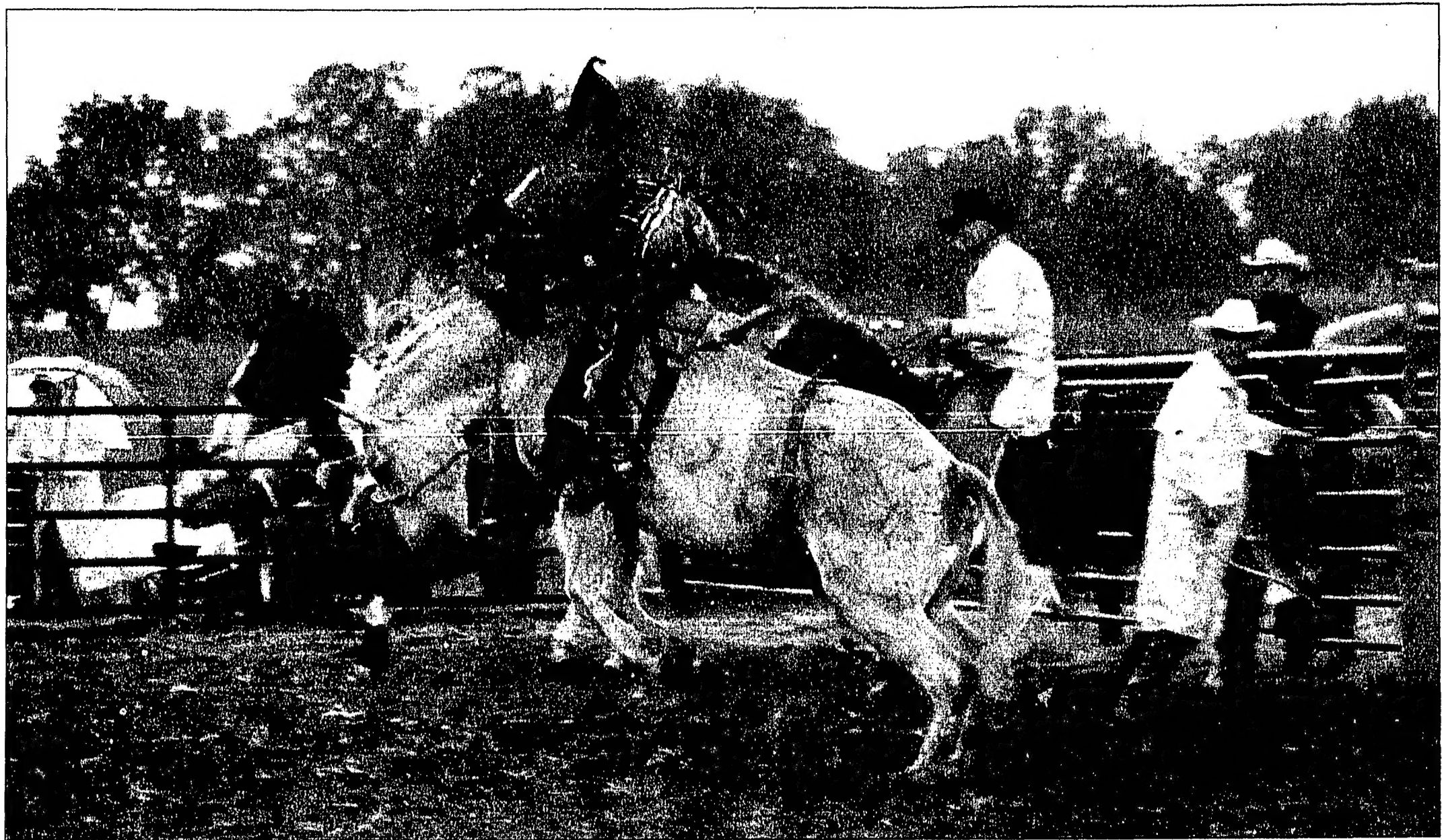
He said he liked the roping events and the rodeo clowns.

"This ambience, laughing all together is very good," Rigot said.

Mike Lenhart, 45, from Bedford, Iowa, has competed at the rodeo for the past two years. He began team roping when he was nine.

"One time you do good, the next time you don't," Lenhart said.

Lenhart's daughter is the break away roping champion and reserve goat tying champion in Iowa.



A participant in the Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo learns first hand how rough Saddle Bronc Riding can be. This is the Rodeo's 12th year, and was presented by the Northwest Rodeo Team.

SEMA: Homeland Security Response teams to be dispatched

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sub-teams, depending on the nature and seriousness of the disaster, to stabilize the "crisis."

The HRSTs are funded through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. There are 28 teams serving Missouri, divided over nine regions. The teams preparing to come to Nodaway County Saturday are from Buchanan County, Boone County, Johnson County, Hannibal, Kirksville, Sedalia and the Northland area of Kansas City.

While SEMA won't disclose exactly what types of disasters will

happen, to make the drill as realistic as possible, Public Information Officer Susie Stonner said they will be "full scale" and could include anything from a building collapse to a toxic chemical release.

The purpose of the exercise is to evaluate emergency response procedures on both the local and state levels, according to Stonner. It will determine how effectively local officials can collect, confirm and communicate important and sensitive information to the state.

At the same time, it will test Missouri's ability to quickly provide emergency response through

HRSTs.

The drill will affect parts of campus and the surrounding neighborhoods. Two campus parking lots, Lot 25 behind the Administration Building and Lot 26 in front of the Landscape Services Building, will be inaccessible from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., as will portions of Seventh Street, Ninth Street and North College Drive.

Northwest students will also partake in the exercise, according to Campus Safety Director Clarence Green. Campus Safety got together with the Geography/Geology Department to recruit 60-90

students to serve as "actors" during the drill.

"They'll be victims, assailants—a little bit of everything," Green said.

He said the drill and subsequent feedback from SEMA would indicate how well his department handles different aspects of campus safety, such as decontamination and crowd control.

"This is one of the first times we've done this with (SEMA)," Green said. "I look forward to the feedback report because it'll show our deficiencies and opportunities for improvement."

Journalists released after appearing in coerced video

Joel Greenberg
Chicago Tribune

JERUSALEM—Two Fox News television journalists kidnapped by militants and held hostage for nearly two weeks in the Gaza Strip were freed Sunday hours after they appeared in coerced video statements declaring they had converted to Islam.

The release of the journalists ended what had been an embarrassing episode for the Hamas-led Palestinian government, but offered no hints about the identity of the kidnappers, whose demands for the release of Muslim prisoners in American jails were reminiscent of kidnappings of foreigners in Iraq and raised speculation that the abduction was the work of an outside group.

The two Fox journalists, Steve Centanni, 60, a correspondent based in Washington, and Olaf Wiig, 36, a freelance cameraman from New Zealand, were taken at gunpoint from their car in Gaza City on August 14. An unknown group calling itself Holy Jihad Brigades claimed responsibility for the kidnapping nine days later, and the State Department promptly rejected their demands.

After their release Sunday, Centanni and Wiig were dropped off at the Beach Hotel in Gaza City by Palestinian security officials, and the two later left the area through the Erez border crossing to Israel.

"I'm emotional because I'm so happy to be out," Centanni told Fox News soon after his release. "There were times when I thought that, you know, I'm dead — and

now I'm not, and so, thank God, but I'm OK ... and I'm going to be fine."

John Moody, Fox's senior vice president for news editorial, said in a network broadcast that "no conditions that we're aware of" were attached to the release of the journalists, although the hostages' video statements released hours before they were freed suggested that the declarations were part of the arrangement to let them go.

In the video the two men are shown separately, dressed in beige robes, declaring their conversion to Islam and raising their index fingers in an Arabic oath of allegiance to the faith.

Centanni read a written statement condemning U.S. policies in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the mistreatment of prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. Wiig, also reading from notes, said: "People ask why they hate us so, but then they don't wait for the answer. It is Apache helicopters firing Hellfire missiles made in America that kill the residents of Gaza."

Officials of the Hamas-led government had worked to free the journalists and criticized the kidnapping, saying the Palestinians' battle is with Israeli occupation. Hamas and other militant factions condemned the abduction, saying it hurt the Palestinian cause.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh and Interior Minister Said Siyam, who is responsible for the police and other security forces, met the two journalists after their release. Haniyeh said the kidnappers are from Gaza, dismissing speculation that al-Qaida was involved.

Inside

B2

The Northwest men's cross country took second at the Mule Run. The women did not perform as well as the team made many mental mistakes, according to coach Scott Lorek.

B3

New football coach Chris Holt begins his career at Maryville High School after spending years at much smaller schools.

The 'Hounds football team gets ready to take on undefeated Benton on Friday for Homecoming.

The Maryville boys' soccer team finished sixth in the Excelsior Springs Tournament Saturday.

Briefs

'HOUNDS VOLLEYBALL FALLS TO BENTON

The Maryville volleyball team fell to Benton 2-1 Tuesday night at Maryville High School. After winning the first game 25-20, the 'Hounds lost the next two, 25-19 and 25-23. The teams meet again for a conference matchup at 6 p.m., Sept. 21, at Benton. See online for the whole story.

SMITH, SHERIDAN TAKE MIAA HONORS

Bearcat linebacker Thomas Smith received MIAA Defensive Player of the Week honors for his contribution in the Bearcat victory over UNO last Saturday. Smith recorded 12 tackles and had his first career quarterback sack in the game.

Alison Sheridan received MIAA Goalkeeper of the Week honors after gaining two consecutive shutout victories during the past week. She recorded 11 saves on 18 shots in the two wins for Northwest. Sheridan now stands at No. 2 on the Northwest career shutouts chart with five.

FOOTBALL STAYS AT NO. 2 IN POLL

The Northwest football team stayed at the No. 2 spot in the America Football Coaches Association Poll this week. They sit right behind defending national champion Grand Valley State and in front of North Alabama. Though the Bearcats did not move up in the polls they did receive one first place vote. Four other MIAA schools are ranked in the top 25: Pittsburg State, Central Missouri State and Washburn all made the list.

MARYVILLE TENNIS DEFEATS BENTON

The Spafthoof girls' tennis team defeated visiting Benton 9-0 Monday afternoon. The 'Hounds now host Lafayette at 4 p.m. today.

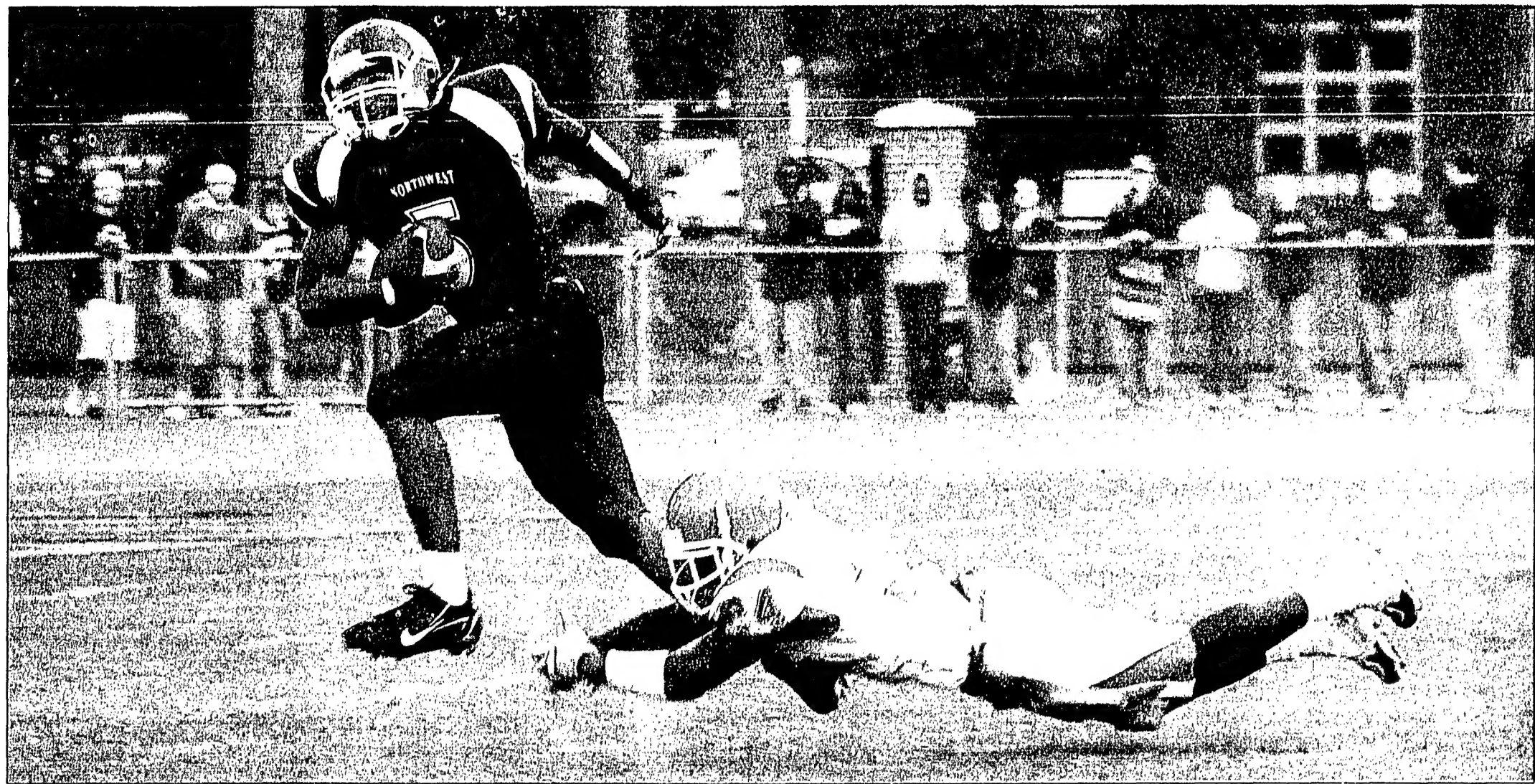
ROAD TRIP

If you plan on traveling to Kirksville Saturday to watch the 'Cats play Truman count on bringing an umbrella. The forecast predicts a 30 percent chance of rain with a high of 82 degrees. It is about a three-hour trip to Kirksville.

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Can't touch this



Northwest's Raphael Robinson slips through Nebraska-Omaha's Pagel Williams' grasp for the moment after a gain of 45 yards. Robinson was stopped at the three-yard line but teammate Xavier Omon scored on the very next play. The Bearcats now travel to Kirksville, Mo., for their conference opener against Truman State.

'Cats look to continue winning ways

Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

If wins and losses were determined by records, the No. 2 Northwest football team (2-0) would already be victors over Truman State (0-2), the 'Cats opponent Saturday.

But statistics don't determine the game and that's why Northwest players and coaches know Saturday is a big game against Truman State, even though a match-up with arch-rival Missouri Western is just a week later.

"Our No. 1 goal is to win conference. I don't think that you can expect to win conference if you go on the road and lose to Truman," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "That's not going to happen, it's as simple as that. We have to be prepared."

Tjeerdsma speaks from experience as two years ago he led an 8-0 squad into Kirksville to face the 0-8 Bulldogs. Truman played with

Northwest throughout the whole game and even led at times, until the 'Cats salvaged a 45-42 victory with just minutes remaining. What makes the near loss even more important to this year's squad is that Tjeerdsma has said the 2004 football team probably prepared the best overall out of the teams that he's coached.

"We just laid an egg, we gave up 42 points," Tjeerdsma said. "That's what can happen when you're not mentally ready. That group just wasn't mentally ready."

So the 'Cats of 2006 should be ready for a

Rivalry, What Rivalry? Northwest vs. Truman, the past 10 years

2005	Northwest	17-0
2004	Northwest	45-42
2003	Northwest	37-0
2002	Northwest	31-24
2001	Truman	24-23
2000	Northwest	31-20
1999	Northwest	42-32
1998	Northwest	41-7
1997	Northwest	34-10
1996	Northwest	52-22

tough match-up with Truman State in the conference opener even though the Bulldogs are currently 0-2 and are in a three-way tie for last place in the conference.

However, this game has bragging rights on the line. Truman State will try to steal back the Hickory Stick from Northwest, a traveling trophy between the two teams and the oldest trophy game in Division II history.

Though Tjeerdsma admits it might mean more to Truman State because Northwest has so many different rivals, like Missouri Western, Pittsburg State,

and Nebraska-Omaha for

example. On the other hand, for Truman State, this is their main rival.

"This game is a little bit more their (rivalry) game than it is probably, in fact, ours. I think when we lost it in 2001, I think it woke us up and it is a big deal," Tjeerdsma said. "Our kids want to win that stick and they want to keep it here."

Truman comes into the game off a bye week and after a 24-13 loss to No. 17 Winona State. The Bulldogs managed to out gain their opponent in yards for their second straight game but could not get the win.

Truman State is led by quarterback Matt Tietch, who Tjeerdsma believes will be the best quarterback they will have seen so far this season. Tietch has connected with 10 different Bulldog receivers so far this season in an offense that some Northwest players see as unusual.

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MOHELA: Center for Excellence in Plant Biologics hits roadblock

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ing...were very well done. I think both sides of the issue were presented very fairly, and clearly the chairman did an excellent job of managing the discussion," Hubbard said. "And it appeared to me and to others that (the motion) was headed toward a positive vote."

However, Hubbard also criticized the attorney general's office for threatening legal action against the board members just before they were to vote.

"That comes awfully close to the extortion line in my view," he said.

The delay also disappointed members of the Blunt Administration, as well as other state officials. Greg Steinoff, director of the Department of Economic Development, said in a statement the MOHELA board "dropped the ball" by shelving the initiative.

"This is a missed opportunity to deliver desperately needed resources to our state's higher education system," Steinhoff said.

Nixon, one of the main opponents of Blunt's plan, has questioned

the legality of MOHELA using its money for purposes other than providing low-interest loans to Missouri students. He believes the deal leaves both the authority and the students it serves in the dark.

"I just don't think this is the answer. Placing a down payment on new buildings across our state does not help the student who can't afford college," Nixon said during a speech to the Missouri Retired Teachers Association Monday.

He has also cited specific potential conflicts with four of the seven MOHELA board members.

Two members, Greg Upchurch and Charles McClain, are affiliated with the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education, which would benefit monetarily from the MOHELA sale.

The board would receive \$18 million to distribute amongst community colleges.

Another board member, Marilyn Bush, is an executive at Bank of America. Nixon stated the bank's involvement with MOHELA's bonding process puts her in conflict with the initiative.

Finally, Nixon singled out board member James Ricks as potentially having a conflict of interest. A marketing professor at Southeast Missouri State University, Ricks' employer is set to receive over \$21 million from MOHELA sales for two of its construction projects. Lause advised Ricks to recuse himself.

Hubbard called Nixon's potential legal action an "idle threat." "I can't imagine that would stand up in any challenge because fiduciary responsibility doesn't mean you vote the way one person wants you to vote. It means you consider all the evidence from both sides and you make a judgement about what's best for your organization," Hubbard said.

"The courts are not going to step in and substitute their opinion for that of the board."

The MOHELA board will reconvene to vote on Wednesday, Sept. 27, in Chesterfield. Four members must vote in order for the motion to pass. One board member, John Greer, opposed the plan, saying there is no guarantee the students who MOHELA serves will reap any

benefits from the sale.

Hubbard indicated he was optimistic about the plan's approval and said he has received positive response from the governor and other government officials.

"They're determined to make it happen, and that's good news," he said.

The Center of Excellence in Plant Biologics will receive \$11.65 million if the Lewis and Clark Initiative passes. Hubbard assured Friday's setback will have "no immediate impact" on Edenspace Systems Corporation's decision whether or not to occupy the Center. By the time the company makes its final choice between Northwest and Michigan State University at the end of October, Hubbard said, the MOHELA issue will be resolved.

Should the plan fail in front of the MOHELA board, he said the University is already looking into alternative methods of funding the remaining construction on the Center.

"Things will go along the way they have, and we'll continue to move forward," Hubbard said.

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The Northwest volleyball team used an aggressive third game to avoid a sweep by No. 4 Truman State Tuesday night, but still recorded its first MIAA loss of the season, 3-2.

The Bearcats lost the first two games of the night, 30-22 and 30-17, before taking game three from the Bulldogs, 30-25. Seniors Sarah Trowbridge and MacKenzie Heston helped lead a comeback in game four, winning 30-25, before the team dropped the fifth game 15-10. Despite the loss, Northwest coach Anna Tool called the match the "best defense performance by far" for her team.

Trowbridge tallied 28 defensive digs on the night to lead the 'Cats, including 10 in game four. Heston recorded eight in the same game to help the team come back from a 16-9 deficit to force game five.

"They (Trowbridge and Heston) work so well together, I mean it's two seniors trying to make the most of their final year," Tool said. "It was just a huge statement for them to show how much they wanted it."

Despite the loss, both Tool and the players were pleased with the performance against the ranked opponent.

"I think it's a big confidence builder for the players," Tool said. "The players should have no doubt in their own minds whether they can get it done on the court or not."

Although she admits there is room for improvement, Trowbridge was happy with the way her team played.

"It was awesome to go out there and just play them that good and that consistent towards those last



Senior MacKenzie Heston goes for a kill during Northwest's 3-2 loss to No. 4 Truman Tuesday night.

three matches," Trowbridge said. Even though only a few matches have been played, Tool said the team learned a lot prior to Tuesday night that helped them get back in the game.

"I think a big thing for these girls that they've learned is that they're not always going to play a perfect game, but what do they do after they make those mistakes, what do they come back with," Tool said. "Tonight we came back with a lot more punch and a lot more fight."

It won't get any easier for Northwest this week when they travel to No. 10 Central Missouri State on Saturday. The Janies won all four matches at the West Florida Regional Crossover in Pensacola, Fla., last weekend.

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Soccer still going strong 'Cats can't seal deal

Record breaking, regional rankings lift soccer's spirits

By Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

In a season of firsts, the Northwest soccer team just added another to the record books.

For the first time in school history Tuesday the 'Cats were regionally ranked. Northwest took the eighth and final spot in the Central Region poll.

"That's a big step for us," goalkeeper Alison Sheridan said. "You can really never do enough, you can always get better."

The regional ranking comes on the heels of a 2-0 home win Saturday against Upper Iowa.

Senior Kayla Griffin scored her team leading fourth goal of the season in the 28th minute to put Northwest up 1-0. Senior Amy Jackson added an insurance goal in the 80th minute for her second goal of the season.

Sheridan recorded a season-high six saves and her second shut out in a row. It was the first three game winning streak in school history for the 'Cats and second consecutive shutout, the first time they have achieved the feat since 2000.

The squad got more good news when the MIAA announced Sheridan as the conference goalkeeper of the week.

Sheridan, who has played at the goalie position all four years, said as the years of gone by she



Margaret Trummer gets ready to send the ball downfield during Northwest's 2-0 victory Saturday. Northwest hosts Southwest Baptist at 2 p.m. Friday.

has gotten better.

"As a freshman I struggled with confidence in my playing coming out of high school," Sheridan said. "...I had to prove myself tremendously here. I think it was kind of a self-rewarding thing. As I got better I got more confidence and people around me did and it kind of fed off everything."

Sheridan credited the defense as a big reason for her success as well.

"Our defense is just amazing," Sheridan said. "I don't think there's much difference in my playing from last year to this year. Just think as a team we've gotten better and it makes me look better because of our results so far."

Head coach Tracy Cross said Sheridan's play was exceptional the past week.

"She had a good week," Cross

said. "Saturday was a very wet day and anything that came at her she held onto."

The Bearcats now face a bigger challenge when the conference

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2. Central Missouri State
3. Truman State
4. Washburn
5. Minnesota-Duluth
6. Missouri Southern
7. North Dakota
8. Northwest
9. South Dakota
10. St. Cloud State (Minn.)

'Cats fall short at Mule Run

Jared Verner
Missourian Reporter

Men's cross country head coach Richard Alsop couldn't ask for a better start in his 30th year at Northwest.

"I really haven't thought about the 30 years," Alsop said. "People keep bringing it up."

The Bearcat men's cross country team finished second at the Central Missouri State Mule Run on Friday in their season opener. Northwest, predicted to finish third in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association preseason coaches poll, finished higher than co-favorite Central Missouri State, last year's conference runner-up. Southwest Baptist took top team honors.

"We knew we could beat Central, but Southwest Baptist really surprised us," senior Matt Pohren said.

Pohren shaved over a minute from last year's time in the four-mile course to finish fifth overall and first for Northwest.

Junior Drew Wilson, Northwest's second returning All-MIAA runner last season, placed eighth. The 'Cats placed four athletes in the top 25, with junior Brandon Dart finishing 12th and junior-transfer Bichok Deng crossing in 22nd.

The women's team, on the other hand, fell victim to bad luck and mistakes, finishing sixth as a team.

"For the first meet, we definitely made some mistakes," said women's head coach Scott Lorek, who starts his third year at Northwest. "That probably cost us 30 points, but it wasn't serious things. They can easily be fixed by this weekend."

Sophomore Anna O'Brien started the season where she left off last year, leading the Bearcats in an eighth-place overall finish on Friday. O'Brien

finished 11th in the 2005 MIAA meet, leading Northwest in every meet last season as a freshman.

"O'Brien and Karah Spader ran real well this first meet," Lorek said. "Jennifer Dittmer had a good race her first time out as a freshman, as did Amy Benedict to start out."

Both teams will prepare to head to Lincoln, Neb., this weekend for the Woody Greene/Nebraska-Lincoln Invitational on Saturday. The meet frequently features teams of all sizes and a challenging course for the Bearcat squads.

"Woody Greene will have 25 to 30 teams. The better small college teams and the better Nebraska teams will be there," Alsop said.

O'Brien expressed concern about the course's hills and competition.

"It's a different meet overall," she said. "It's probably one of the hardest courses of the year."

HICKORY: Squad not overlooking struggling Truman

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"They run a funky offense, man," linebacker Thomas Smith said. "It's something that you traditionally don't see too much. They run a lot of five-wide and stuff, pass-wise. The linemen are across the line. It's something different that we don't see usually see but I know coach (Scott) Bostwick and the defensive staff have used us prepared like they do every week."

Defensively, Truman's opponents have only rushed for a total of 110 yards in their first two games. However, one of their opponents was Minnesota-Mankato who, as Bearcats fans know, hardly rush the ball. Truman's secondary has picked off two passes and Northwest plans to keep it at that number as the 'Cats have not turned the ball over at all yet this season.

"No, I don't like to talk about it too much," Tjerdema said. "It's just one of those things, we're trying to take care of it and we've done a pretty good job so far. I've been around this

game long enough to know that can change. We're just going to keep doing everything that we can to get our team to understand how important that is. I think for the most part our kids have been really conscious of that."

According to Tjerdema, some of the reason for the lack of turnovers has been because of the protection quarterback Josh Mathews has received from his offensive line. The relatively young offensive line has been able to keep opponents away from Mathews, only giving up three sacks on the season.

"There's definitely room for improvement but I'd say we're going to get better as the weeks go on," offensive lineman Gabe Frank said. "I think we're getting better, we just have to keep pushing."

Smith grabs MIAA Defensive Player of the Week.

It isn't taking transfer Thomas Smith long to make a good impression.

The Northwest linebacker recorded 12 tackles and a sack during the Bearcats' 31-0 shutout of

Nebraska-Omaha Saturday at Bearcat Stadium.

His performance Saturday garnered honors from the MIAA as he was named the conference's defensive player of the week.

"I have expectations of myself and I just want to go out there every week and give 100 percent and give my best effort," Smith said. "If I get 10 tackles, whatever, it's good and all but I'm all about the win and about the team thing. I appreciate the recognition and all but it's behind us and we're getting ready for Truman this week."

Smith transferred in January from Division I-AA Northern Colorado. Tjerdema said Smith's presence has been very crucial to the team.

"He just has a lot of enthusiasm for the game, he brings a lot of energy," Tjerdema said. "I think because he has established so much credibility with his teammates by being a good teammate that rubs off on them...I think he's definitely established himself as part of this football team."

CLOSE: Late rally not enough to upend Bulldogs



Senior Sarah Trowbridge digs for the ball during Tuesday night's game against Truman State. Trowbridge is currently Northwest's leading defender.

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"What we need to take from this is that we can play with the No. 4 team in the nation so we should be able to play with anyone else," Heston said.

Trowbridge also hopes that the close match with Truman will help the 'Cats be ready for Saturday.

"I think it will give our team a lot of confidence to know that we can go in from game one and contend instead of waiting until we decide we can play later," Trowbridge said.

Senior Molly Hanks led Northwest in setting with 49 assists on the night. The team now finds itself tied for eighth place for best of five games matches on the school records chart after recording 19 blocks during the match.

'Cats shut out Mavs

Jerome Boeltcher
Sports Editor

The offense didn't hesitate this year.

After a slow start last season against non-conference Nebraska-Omaha, the Northwest football team never fully rebounded and ended up losing in Omaha.

However, it was a different story this season as Northwest's offense jumped on the board first and used 21 second-half points to catapult them to a 31-0 victory at Bearcat Stadium in front of 6,033 fans.

"We knew that coming into this game that we had to jump on them in a hurry," wide receiver E.J. Falkner said. "On offense we're up and down but we know when it's time to step up to the plate."

Quarterback Josh Mathews said it was pivotal that the team got points early in the game.

"I think it was important for us to get out there and get in a rhythm, finally as an offense to pick up a tempo," Mathews said. "We just came out and got after it."

Tommy Frevert put Northwest up late in the first quarter with a 27-yard field goal that capped a 11-play, 79-yard drive. The score might not have happened if it weren't an unusual play by tight end Mike Peterson 10 plays before.

On the very first play of the drive on Northwest's own 11-yard line, Mathews threw a pass that was deflected by Nebraska-Omaha's Antwan Woods and sat up in the air for a couple seconds. Peterson saw the ball floating and came back towards it and snagged it at the 15-yard line, he then started running back towards the 10-yard line while shaking off a couple Mavericks' defenders in the process. Peterson swung around all the way over to the other sideline and picked up 34 yards on the play before finally being brought down.

"He actually bailed me out, that kid tipped it in the air and that was Mike P. being Mike P., that's what I told him," Mathews said. "To turn something like that into a run like that, that's just something we expect from him."

A possession later, the Bearcats drove 61 yards and Mathews hooked up with Raphael Robinson on a lob pass in the back of the end zone for a six-yard touchdown.

After the defense halted a late



Xavier Omon breaks away from a defender during Saturday's game against Nebraska-Omaha. Omon and the 'Cats won the game 31-0.

scoring drive at the end of the second quarter that ended with a missed field goal by Nebraska-Omaha's Andrew McCawley, Northwest began the second half with the football.

It didn't take long for the 'Cats to drive 81 yards.

They only needed five plays and just more than two minutes to get in the end zone. On second down and two yards to go at Nebraska-Omaha's 48 yard line, Mathews found Robinson again, this time for a 45-yard gain. Running back Xavier Omon then pounded it in for a three-yard touchdown.

The Bearcats would go on to score twice more, once on a 73-yard touchdown pass from Mathews to E.J. Falkner and once on a two-yard run by Omon.

Mathews completed 14-of-21 passes for 257 yards for two touch-

downs. Omon led the rushing with only 59 yards (less than twice as much as what he gained last game) but had two touchdowns. Falkner finished with five receptions for 109 yards and the one touchdown.

"We got some playmakers on offense and I think that's our saving grace right now," Northwest coach Mel Tjerdema said.

So far, the Bearcats have not turned over the ball this season and have outscored opponents 62-14.

No. 2 Northwest improves to 2-0, while No. 10 Nebraska-Omaha falls to 1-1 before both teams open up conference play. It was the first time Omaha had been shutout since 1994.

"Obviously we were not a top 10 team today," Nebraska-Omaha coach Pat Behns said. "They were, they were a very good football team today."

SOCCER: Third straight win best in school history

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season begins Friday with a home match against Southwest Baptist, who just recently dropped out of the regional rankings. They will then face Missouri Southern, who is ranked No. 7 in the regional rankings, Saturday. Both games begin at 2 p.m. and will wrap up a five-game homestand.

Cross said her team would like to finish the homestand off with five straight wins but she said she will just have to see how the weekend plays out.

"We'll take one game as it comes...we'll adapt and adjust and we'd like to get a result on Friday," she said. "In ideal world it would be nice to take two wins again this Saturday. Will it happen? We don't know yet."

The conference season will give the 'Cats a chance to prove they are not floating around the bottom of the conference anymore and that they belong in the upper tier of the MIAA. Despite the 4-1 start, the best in school history, Sheridan knows the team still has a lot to prove to others.

"I think we're big underdogs," Sheridan said. "...We expected it (the start) of ourselves. I'm not very surprised."



Margaret Trummer receives a push in the back from an Upper Iowa defender Saturday. The 'Cats are off to the best start in school history.

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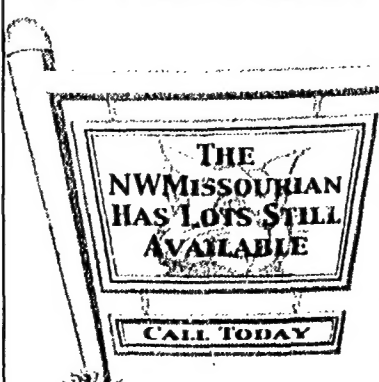
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Final destination?

Holt envisions Maryville as the last stop for him

Brett Barger
Assistant Sports Editor

There are two sides to first-year Maryville head football coach Chris Holt.

One side is an intense, passionate coach who will teach the game of football to anyone, whether it is a player or an average Joe off the street.

"I'm a people person so you've got to enjoy people if you want to coach," Holt said. "I just enjoy being around the kids. I think they keep you young."

The other side is a jovial, family man who greets his wife, Courtney and his three-year old daughter Maddie everyday after practice.

Holt, 33, was named head coach over the summer and is the fourth Maryville football coach since 2000. Holt, originally from Big Lake, Mo., grew up playing eight-man football at Craig High School. Given the choice, Holt said he'd rather be coaching 11-man, where he is now.

"It's just more complete of a game," Holt said.

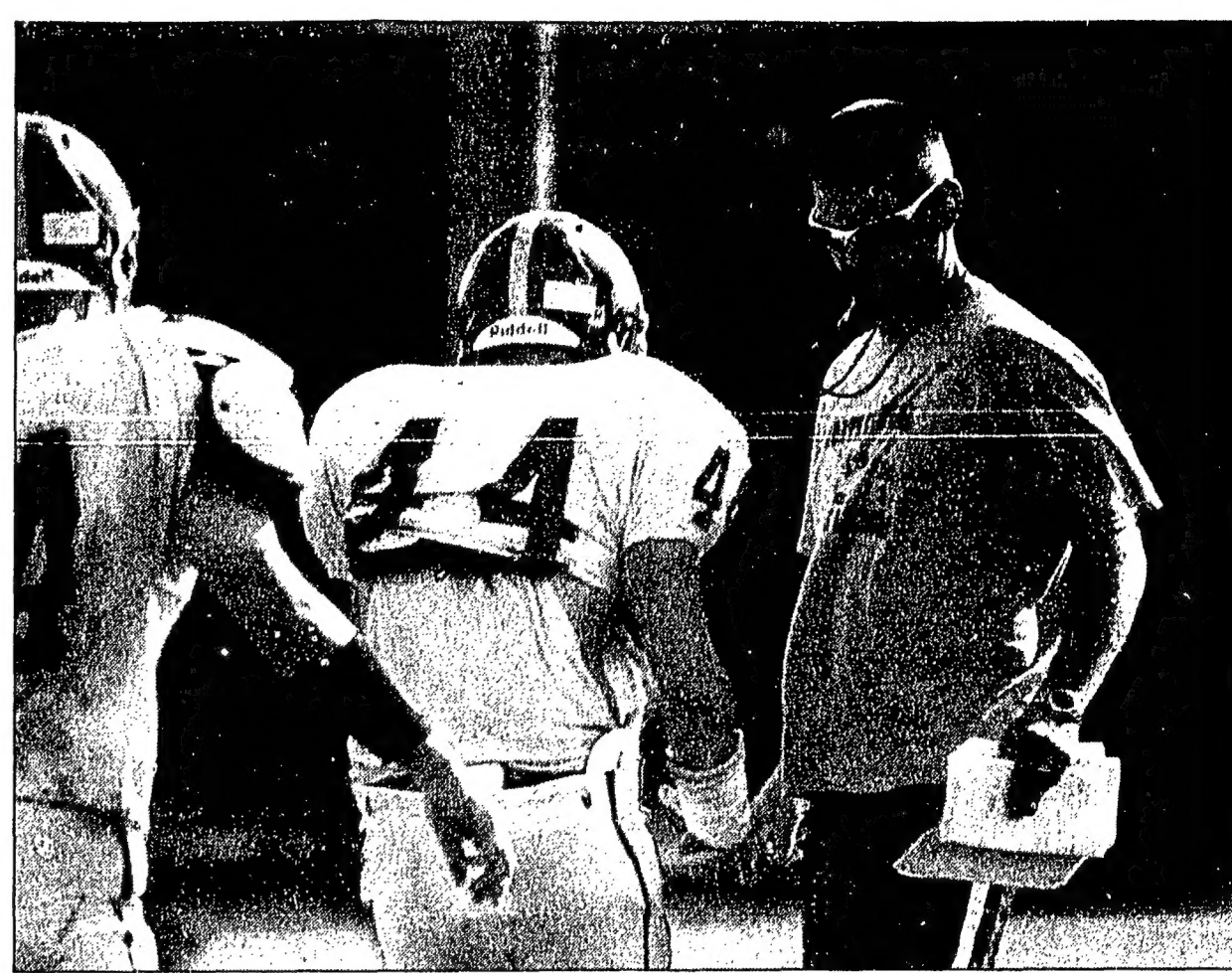
After graduating from high school, Holt moved on to Northwest Missouri State, where he graduated with a degree in physical education with a coaching minor in 1995. It was at Northwest, where he developed his desire to be a coach.

"My first experience in coaching was up out there," Holt said. "I've always been a big fan, but now it's a total passion."

Holt is a Kansas City Chiefs fan and said he tries to model his coaching style after former coach Marty Schottenheimer.

"He's all about family and making it about the team," Holt said. "My Chief's flag was at halftime when he left Kansas City."

The beginning of Holt's coaching career began to smooth out in 1998, when he spent time at South Harrison High as an assistant coach under then head coach Mark Schilb (currently



Chris Holt guides players through drills at a recent practice. Holt is in his first year as Maryville's football coach.

coaching at Raytown South). Holt said Schilb told him what it took to be a head coach.

In 2000, Holt's first head coaching gig arrived, taking over the reins at Schuyler County. Holt made an immediate impact, leading the school to a district championship. In the sectional round Holt lost to his former mentor Schilb (South Harrison), 35-7. The next year, he lost to South Harrison again, 34-14, this time to his friend, Wes Croy, who took over for Schilb. Croy is now the head football coach at Trenton.

"It felt weird, because I coached all of those years," Holt said. "It was great because we're good friends today, so it wasn't a negative thing, but we just wanted to win."

After Schuyler County, Holt took a step down on the coaching ladder and moved up a class, landing at Class 2 California as an assistant coach. Holt used the opportunity to test out coaching at a big school but it did not go very well.

"I wanted to try a bigger school and see if I'd

like it and I hated every second of it," Holt said.

After the forgettable experience, Holt moved on to Class 1 Princeton, where in his last year, he led the school to a 9-1 record and a Grand River Conference championship.

After Paul Miller resigned as Maryville's coach last season, the opportunity to return to a bigger school loomed on Holt's mind. After a couple of visits and an interview, Holt was offered the job. The experience at California made Holt consider all of the options, but he immediately liked the situation that Maryville offered him and the location puts both his family and his wife's family closer to Maryville.

"Financially it was better for our family going from a smaller school to a bigger school," Holt said. "The transition part is still going on. I don't ever want to move again, just as long as Maryville doesn't get tired of me. I've got 19 years left until I retire so I'd like to spend the last 19 here if they'll have me."

'Hounds fall to rival

Sarah Robinson
Missourian Reporter

The Maryville Spoofhounds softball squad was stung by the conference leading Chillicothe Lady Hornets Tuesday night.

The 'Hounds fell 6-2 to the powerful 8-1 Hornets squad in Chillicothe, Mo., dropping their season mark to 4-5.

First-year head coach Jacqueline Conn watched her team play the first place Hornets closer than in recent years but some all-around solid play was too much to overcome.

"Their pitcher mixed things up and their defense was always in position, and their hits just fell where there were gaps," Conn said. "Things just went their way tonight."

Despite the four-run loss, a few bright spots emerged. Freshman Meridee Scott, who started at third base due to an injury to starting third baseman Lindsey Shreck,

reached base due to an infield error and came around to score on Jordan Gaddis's hard liner to short. Lead-off hitter Emily Howell and center fielder Kendra Colter also recorded hits in the loss.

Senior pitcher Caitlin Woods, who started the game for the 'Hounds, echoed some of her teammates' sentiments on the defeat.

"I tried to keep them off balance, they just got some good hits," Woods said. "We're pretty big rivals with them, and the seniors especially wanted to beat them this time."

Up next for Maryville is a visit from conference foe Smithville at 4 p.m. tonight.

Conn sees the team making strides as the season progresses and hopes those steps will soon result in victories.

"All of our games have been fairly close this season," Conn said. "We've been in position to win, we just need to turn the corner. We need to finish the job."

Run game too much for Irish

Brett Barger
Assistant Sports Editor

St. Joseph, Mo.—Last season, the Maryville High School football team gave up 41 points to Lafayette. Friday night, the Spoofhounds dropped 41 points on the Irish.

Lucas Gregg, Adam Mattson and Malcom Swinford led a three-pronged rushing attack to help spoil Lafayette's home opener with a 41-12 victory.

Gregg's 15-yard touchdown run with 7:48 left in the first quarter ignited the running attack. Gregg scored all of the Spoofhounds' rushing touchdowns and hauled in a touchdown catch.

"We're going to run the ball," Maryville head coach Chris Holt said. "We've got too many darn good running backs to not give them the football."

Maryville (1-1, 1-1 MEC) finished the night with a season-high 498 rushing yards. Quarterback Andy Walter contributed to the passing game with three touchdowns passes of 33, 37 and 36 yards. Two of Walter's touchdowns were to Tanner Archer.

"We got some good reps in, we used the speed we got, but we still got to get better," Archer said. "We're learning from our mistakes, but we did good tonight."

Lafayette led early, 6-0, when running back Jaquan Davis rumblin' 68 yards to the end zone for a touchdown on the team's second play of the game. The Irish did not score until late in the fourth quarter.

Struggled with capitalizing on good field position. After an interception by Maryville defensive end Jesse

LeMar on a shovel pass, Maryville charged down all the way to the Lafayette 23-yard line, but did not convert on fourth down.

The biggest Maryville turnover came in the second quarter. With Maryville on the goal line, Walter fumbled on a quarterback sneak, giving the Irish the ball. However, Walter made up for it, connecting with Gregg on a 33-yard touchdown pass, with 5:20 left in the second quarter.

The 'Hounds took a 14-6 lead to the locker room at halftime, but Holt said he was "beyond frustrated" with the lack of execution in Lafayette territory.

"I can't tell you how many missed blocking assignments we had in the first half," Holt said. "Our offense is all about precision and when one guy does it wrong, it really affects the play and that was killing us."

Whatever Holt said in the locker room had an immediate impact on the team.

Maryville scored on their first three possessions putting them in front 34-12.

"I saw what our potential could be," Holt said. "I've been telling people we've got quite a talent, but we're just young."

With the second-string defense in midway through the fourth quarter, a tipped pass in the endzone fell into the hands of a Lafayette receiver giving them their final score of the game.

With 6:21 left in the fourth quarter, Gregg added salt to the wound with a rushing touchdown to put the 'Hounds up 41-12.

The Spoofhounds continue MEC play against Benton at 7 p.m. next Friday in Maryville.

Soccer falls in tourney

Staff Reports

The Maryville soccer team competed in the Excelsior Springs Tournament this past weekend and finished sixth out of eight teams.

In the first game of the tournament on Thursday they lost to Kearney 10-2. Coach Stuart Collins said his team came out flat.

"The boys' really picked up the speed and played in the 25th minute, but it was too late," Collins said in a release.

On Saturday the Spoofhounds

woke up early to play against Benton at 8 a.m. The teams were tied 1-1 after double overtime and the 'Hounds went onto win in penalty kicks. The win kept them alive in the double elimination tournament.

Later that day the 'Hounds bowed out of the tournament with a 6-3 loss, to St. Pius X.

The 'Hounds now fall to 2-5 on the season. Their next game is today at Maur Hill. The 'Hounds then play Cameron at 4 p.m. in their home opener at the fields behind Donaldson Park.

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"My mom always said 'attitude is everything,' if you think you feel well, you will be."

-Meghan Hohl, Northwest student



Meghan Hohl (left) poses with her sorority sister, Julie Miles, during Fall 2006 Recruitment for Alpha Delta Pi. Hohl wasn't able to be involved as much as she would have liked because of being in the hospital so much.

Hohl goof's around with sorority sister Lori Hansen.

Silver LINING

After spending most of her first year of college hospitalized, Northwest student Meghan Hohl attempts her freshman year again with bright hopes for the future

By Evan Young
University Editor

Jumping off her Roberta Hall loft and laughing with her best girlfriend, it's difficult to picture her lying miserably in a hospital bed.

Yet for Northwest freshman Meghan Hohl, the last two years have been a blur of emergency room visits, doctor's appointments and physical and mental hardship.

Meghan, 20, was born with a solitary kidney, a condition known as unilateral renal agenesis. Roughly one in 750 people are born with one kidney, according to the U.S. House of Representatives Congressional Kidney Caucus.

Because of her condition, Meghan has fought a series of back-to-back illnesses no person would ever want even once.

Starting her senior year of high school, she's faced mononucleosis, pneumonia, kidney and upper-respiratory infections and bronchitis. She's undergone several surgeries, having both her tonsils and a hernia removed within two years' time.

However, the impact of Meghan's maladies has gone far beyond her physical state of being. Having to miss much of her first trimester at Northwest last fall due to ailments, she faced failing grades in her classes and eventually decided to withdraw from the University altogether after Thanksgiving vacation.

The decision put her a trimester behind and, even after a tuition refund,

cost her and her parents a full trimester's room and board.

"My parents weren't too happy, but then they understood," Meghan said. "And I've paid them back."

Leslie Galbreath, Talent Development Center director, helped Meghan make the decision to start college over. She said even though withdrawal is a tough and undesirable choice for students, it is often the best option.

"Life happens while you're here," Galbreath said. "I see my job as student success. Sometimes that means helping them get out of here and take care of themselves first."

Since re-starting her Northwest career in January 2006, Meghan, an early childhood education major, has had to make up the general education courses she did not complete, including geography, composition and Enjoyment of Music.

By the end of the Spring trimester, Meghan had gotten her grades back up to a respectable level, but said she still isn't satisfied.

"I got B's and C's, which are better than D's and F's, but I will do better this semester," she said.

Meghan also had to catch back up with her social life. A member of Alpha Delta Pi, she had to miss the sorority's retreat last fall and couldn't participate in the group's Homecoming festivities because of her health problems.

"I really didn't get to know my sisters until second semester," she said.

However, Meghan said her sorority sisters are still a big help when it

comes to her well-being.

"They yell at me to take my medicines when I get sick," she said. Meghan's family back home in Kansas City, Mo., is another inspiration. She's especially fond of her brother Ryan, who has served overseas with the U.S. Army for the past four years—first in South Korea, and now in Iraq. Even though she rarely sees him, Meghan said he does keep in touch and even made it to her Alpha Delta Pi initiation last November.

"My brother and I never got along when we were little. Now I think he's the coolest person I know. He amazes me," she said.

To friend and fellow Northwest student Ashley Ramsey, it is Meghan who is amazes her.

"There's never a dull moment with Meghan," Ashley said. "She's really off the wall and hyper, but it makes for really great memories."

The two have been close friends since their freshmen year of high school at St. Teresa's Academy in Kansas City. Ashley has accompanied Meghan on a number of trips to the University Health Center and in general has supported her friend through her troubled first months at Northwest.

Meghan said she feels fine now, but advised new freshmen to take care of themselves during their first months at Northwest so they don't wind up in her shoes.

"It's not fun to end up in a hospital," she said. "Eat healthy. Exercise. Don't sweat the small stuff. It's basic stuff, but I was sick already. Then I stressed out over classes and got sicker."

What's your horoscope?

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 7—Changes are required, but don't simply react. Have a definite objective in mind, and be patient. This may take several tries.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 7—Resist the urge to buy pretty things that you don't really need. Build a strong foundation now; you can add the frills later.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 7—The assignment is to not only do the tough job, but to actually have fun at it. This may require a shift in attitude. You can do it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a 7—You certainly don't like somebody else to tell you what to do. When that person's right, however, it would be wise of you to listen.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 7—You don't like to stir up controversy, but it may be necessary. Don't allow somebody else's lack of interest to ruin your grade.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
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Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 7—You don't like to stir up controversy, but it may be necessary. Don't allow somebody else's lack of interest to ruin your grade.

Your Man is very angry at food prices

I'm sick and tired of waiting in line at the Union for 25 minutes for a lukewarm and soggy hamburger during lunch and then standing around helplessly for another 20 minutes during dinner for a stale breadstick and noodles. However, I can't decide what bugs me more: the waiting, the freshness or the price of items that hamsters away at us non-meal plan consumers.

For us, a rather sizeable percentage of students, we can't afford to eat on campus very often, and the Aramark is screwing themselves out of additional profit. They could lower prices, driving up consumption, and everyone would be happy. But of course that will never happen.

The Station will continue to charge \$4 for a Hot Pocket. Sound fair? Hardly. Unless the Hot Pockets that they sell contain a special Costa Rican plant or have been blessed by a local Rabbi, they aren't worth \$4. And a box of Cheerios isn't worth \$6 either. Holy buckets of lard, Batman. Who's making these pricing decisions? I wonder if it's that creepy hair-net dude in the Union who is always barking orders at the foreign students or possibly the suit-wearing blonde guy who is always standing around and not doing anything.

I know one thing: the suit-wearing blonde guy isn't a freshness monitor. If he was, I would like to assume he would put an end to the staleness that plagues the Union cafeteria. And he certainly is working, past 2 p.m. on Fridays, because no one is. This past Friday they closed the cafeteria at 2 p.m. I again ask, who is making these decisions?

Adding fuel to this fire is the construction of the new dorm rooms near Roberta. These surely are meant to bring in more students, keep more of them on campus, forcing them to have meal plans, forcing them to eat at the Union, forcing all of us to wait in line an additional 10 minutes. One day the Quinos line will be out the front door and curving down near the tennis courts.

Some of you might think this issue will not occur because they are putting in another Station near these dorms. But think about it. Why would someone go to the Station and spend \$46 on a sandwich and some Twizzlers (God's candy), when they can walk to the nearby Union and get in line with me?

In the end, nothing will change except possibly one. The sale of lotion and condoms might increase significantly in the Station, because when horny college guys spend too much time standing around, even the full-time cafeteria women become awfully attractive. I wonder if the old one is dating anyone.

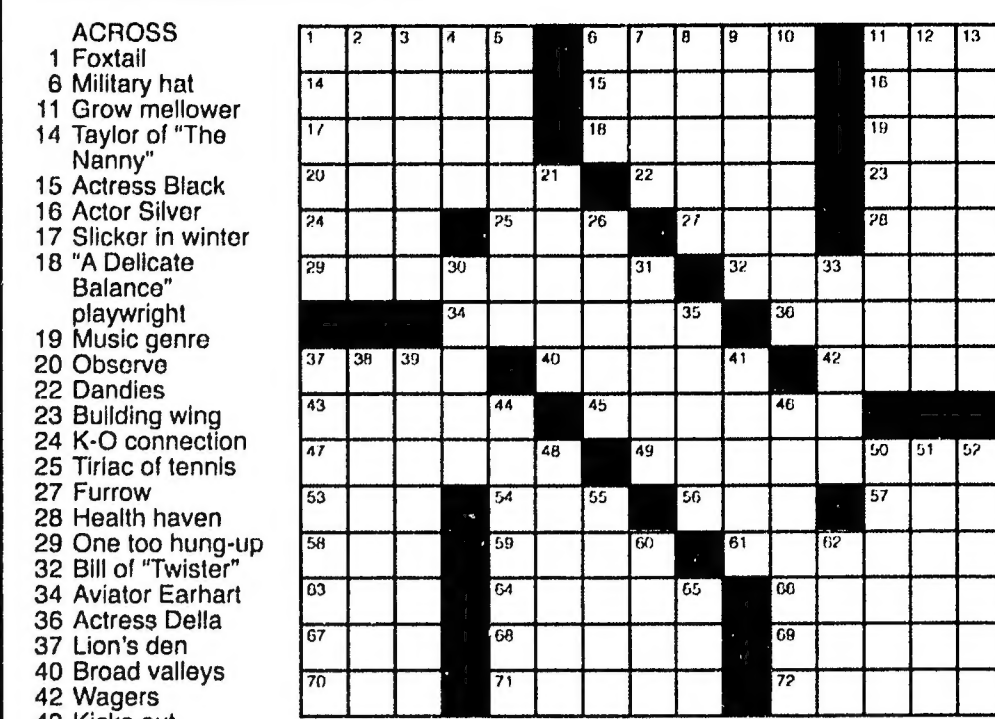
The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.



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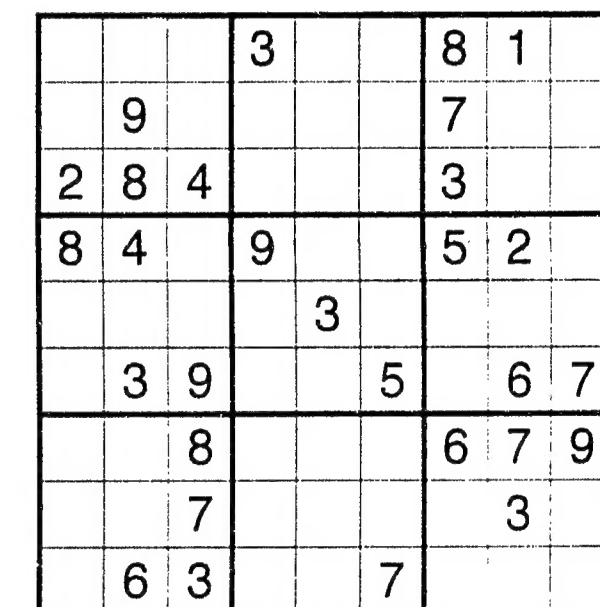
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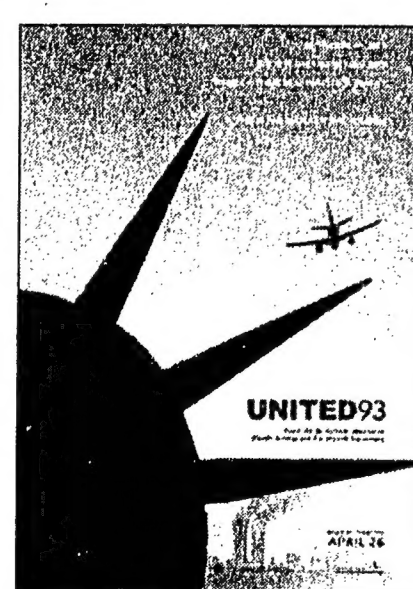
Ashley Bally
Contributing Writer

"United 93" was released just in time to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. The film provides the cinematic answer to honor that day.

The film attempts to provide an account of what happened aboard the doomed flight. The movie charges head on into the events which lead from the hijacking, up to the final gut-wrenching conclusion. The final sequence pins you to your seat and doesn't let up until the camera fades to black.

Director Paul Greengrass ("The Bourne Supremacy," "Bloody Sunday") adds a documentary style to the film with a fly-on-the-wall perspective. This allows the viewer to see the events as they unfold and experience the chaotic nature in which they were received.

Throughout the movie there is a resounding lack of music accompaniment to the scenes.



This absence brings a more honest and realistic approach to the film. Along with the absence of atypical Hollywood celebrities, the picture is much more believable than other Hollywood attempts such as "World Trade Center."

All of the shots from the plane itself come from inside the cabin or cockpit. The cameras were often

shaky and unstable to relate the emotional distress from the passengers. They are the perfect blend of people you would encounter in flight and they banded together against all odds.

A large part of the story focuses around the air traffic controllers and their attempt to bring some form of resolve to the hijacked flights. The camera shots switch back and forth from person to person as they struggle to track all of the missing planes and ground the remaining ones around the country.

In order to keep up with the quick camera switches and muffled dialogue, it helps to watch with the subtitles on.

"United 93" is a sterling example of a tragic film, which will leave the viewer with hope. The members of flight 93 sacrificed their lives in an attempt to save others. If you want a look at the more realistic side of events without the benefit of Hollywood sprucing this is the film for you.

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He never thought his Big Mac craving would land him a night in a jail cell.

Northwest Student Sam Daniel, 23 went to Mug Night at The Palms in the middle of June this past summer. After taking his date home he decided to drive through McDonald's.

As he left the McDonald's parking lot, he saw a Maryville Police officer pull out of another parking lot. The officer pulled him over and informed him one of his tail-lights was out. He asked if Daniel had been drinking, but the sobriety test did all the talking.

Daniel told the officer that he drank a few. The officer conducted a sobriety test and Daniel failed.

After arriving at the station, Daniel had to answer questions, and then take a breath analyzer test. Daniel blew a 0.143--0.063 over the limit of 0.08.

He was required to spend eight hours in the detox tank.

Daniel lost his license for a month, after that month Daniel was restricted to just driving to school and work for the next two months.

Daniel said telling his family was the scariest part of the experience. He said his parents have always thought of him as being a good kid, and were disappointed in him.

"Nobody wants to disappoint their parents,"

Daniel said.

Daniel was informed on Father's Day that he would be taken off his family's car insurance because now he was upgraded to high-risk car insurance.

Daniel went to court, his attorney made a deal with the prosecuting attorney to get the DWI taken off his record, but he had to apply for high risk car insurance, attend a state alcohol education class and was sentenced to two years of probation.

While on probation any alcohol violation will be put down as a second offense.

Daniel said he now leaves his car at home every time he goes to the bar.

However, this was as a slap on the wrist compared to Northwest Student Kyle McDonough, 24, who received the same offense in Iowa.

McDonough was home in Osceola, Iowa. After attending a wedding on Aug. 26, McDonough and friends went on a bar crawl.

Shortly after returning to Westside, a local bar, she was ready to leave and drive the seven miles home. Less than a quarter mile away from her driveway, around 2:30 a.m., lights began to flash behind her.

At first, McDonough didn't think anything about it. She was asked to step out of her vehicle and perform a sobriety test. She took a breath analyzer test and blew a 0.3, which is 0.22 over the .08 limit, was handcuffed and taken into the police station.

Once arriving at the station, McDonough was asked questions and made the most nauseating phone call to her mother.

After changing her clothes into an orange jumpsuit, McDonough spent five hours freezing in a cell, and was given a pillow, sheet and wool blanket.

"I felt like I was in a third world country," McDonough said.

In the morning, McDonough talked to the Magistrate and experienced what she considers the "walk of shame" to the car.

McDonough was given a first offense OWI and fined \$1,950. She lost her license and will have to attend an alcohol safety class and her court date.

She described the week after her OWI as the week from hell. McDonough described herself as being at the bottom of the barrel.

Her friends were even concerned with her mood change, but she eventually found a way to deal with it all.

"It's better to laugh than cry," McDonough said.

Though her brothers tease her about the OWI, her sister in law hasn't spoken to her since McDonough told her, while her father and grandparents are still unaware of the incident.

McDonough said she refuses to drive even if she has had only a sip of an alcoholic drink.

"I got cocky and it bit me in the ass in the end," McDonough said.

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